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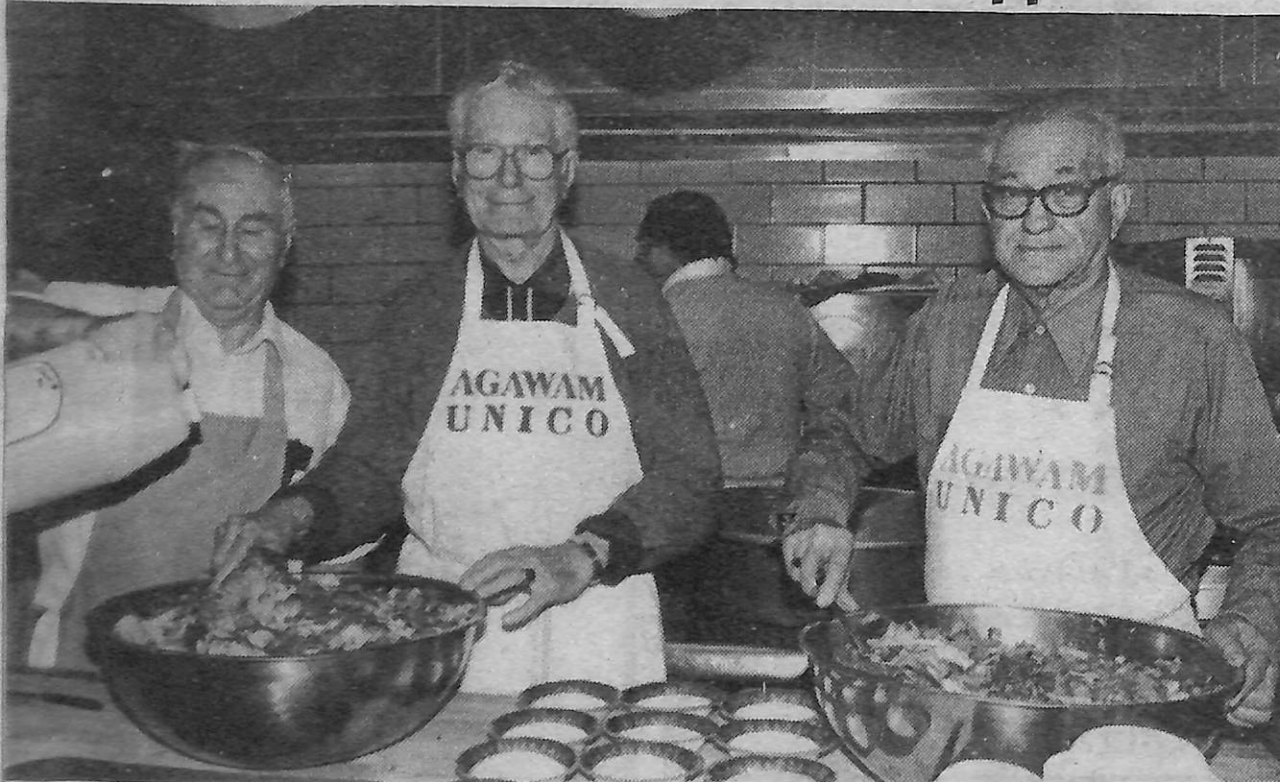
March 7, 1985

## "Icy Winter" Returns To Agawam



AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF RECORD-BREAKING winter heat, the "Lion of March" poured into the Pioneer Valley on Tuesday, March 5th, with a rather dangerous and slippery ice storm. This Jack Devine photo depicts the more tranquil side of the storm. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## UNICO Chefs All Smiles About Supper



THREE OF THE CHEFS who helped put-together another successful Agawam UNICO Macaroni and Meatball Supper on Sunday, March 3rd, at the Agawam High School, were quite happy about the large gathering of townspeople who attended. From left - Al Malone, salad committee chairman; Ray Girotti, and Lou Pedulla. (SEE OTHER PHOTOS ON PAGE 16). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

In Superior Court...

## Citizens' Suit To Be Heard On April 17th

A conference between Judge Eileen Griffen, Special Town Council Attorney Peter Brady of Holyoke, and the attorneys representing 14 citizens who charged the council with violating the open meeting law, has been rescheduled for April 17th in Hampden Superior Court.

### Gallano Disavowed Connection

And according to several sources, a deposition given to Brady by Councilor At-Large Andrew C. Gallano, disavowed any connection between Gallano and the citizens who filed the suit, apparently contradicting statements in depositions taken by Brady from the citizens.

The 14 citizens, along with former Town Manager Edward A. Caba, charged in the suit, filed in February 1984, that a majority of Town Council violated the state's open meeting law by meeting privately prior to the initial vote to oust Caba from office.

Although this first attempt to remove Caba by the council was later aborted, the law suit has remained active. A list of other charges were also filed at the time by the citizens group and Caba, but all were later dismissed.

Caba was later fired in an 8-7 vote taken last July.

The open meeting law suit finally appeared before Judge Griffen on February 21st, but the matter was continued.

According to Brady, a proposal to dismiss the case has been forwarded, but he said he has not discussed the matter with the council at presstime.

Gallano's alleged involvement in the case surfaced when Brady took depositions in December from 12 of the 14 citizens who filed the suit.

After taking the depositions, Brady told the *Advertiser News* it was clear that "none of the individuals deposed had any personal knowledge of irregularities concerning a violation of the state's open meeting law."

Brady went on to note that he was informed through the depositions that Gallano, a staunch supporter of Caba's, had been in contact with most, if not all of these same citizens prior to the filing of the suit.

"The depositions maintained that Councilor Gallano was in contact with most, if not all of these same citizens who filed the suit," said Brady. "It seems Councilor Gallano may have been the spark behind the citizens' actions."

At the time, Gallano refused to comment on Brady's statements. Later, when ordered to appear before Brady to be deposed, Gallano initially refused. He then appeared for the deposition just before the February 21st court date.

When asked if Gallano's deposition was in direct conflict of the depositions taken from the 12 citizens, Brady declined to comment.

### Based On Brady's Comments

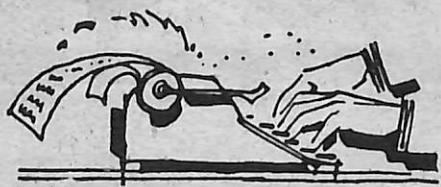
The *Advertiser News* has learned that in his deposition, Gallano denied any connection between himself and the filing of the suit, which would apparently contradict the statements made by the citizens, based on Brady's initial comment that "Gallano may have been the spark behind the citizens' actions."

All depositions taken in the case will be on public record at the Hampden County Hall of Justice.

SEE OPEN MEETING SUIT - Page 2...



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Thanks For Cheerleading Help

## To the Editor:

As a parent of an Agawam varsity cheerleader, I want to publicly thank three people, Nick Colagiovanni, Donna Brodurtha, and Rosalie Morassi. Without their help, support, and planning, the cheerleading competition at Agawam High School would not have been possible.

Nick Colagiovanni personally had many of the refreshments donated by various concerns - Food Mart, Pepsi, Coca Cola, Hershey's, Soda City, Frito-Lay, Spencer Meats, Colonial Franks, Agawam Unico, and Mushy's Hot Dogs.

Donna Bodurtha organized ticket sales, invitations to competing high schools, decorations, assigning various jobs to parents, organizing security, getting kitchen help, etc.

Rosalie Morassi donated her time to work the kitchen and cafeteria as a former Agawam cheerleader parent.

The money raised from competition helps defray costs of cheerleading summer camp, transportation to and from competitions to Smith Academy, North Attleboro, Franklin, Chicopee, etc.

Otherwise, the Agawam Cheerleaders would have to go door-to-door asking the community to purchase candy, or to make a donation.

Thanks,  
Fred Montesi

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 1, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Raceway Motors, 1792 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council  
Published: March 7th, 1985

## LEGAL NOTICE

## OPEN MEETING LAW CASE - From Page 1

One of the citizens who joined the suit, Jack LoMonaco of Shoemaker Lane, admitted in the January 10th edition of the *Advertiser News*: "It goes without saying none of us (the citizens who filed the law suit) were privy to any plans or action in this matter these eight had (members of Town Council who are charged with violating the open meeting law). They undoubtedly made certain of that. So, what other answer could we give to these particular questions asked by attorney Brady (questions concerning knowledge of any open meeting law violaton), than no as the answer."

"But, years of observing many of these people in action makes for a big question mark as to what really happened? The fact that some of the other seven councilors knew nothing about a vote coming up to fire Caba until it actually happened stills needs explaining."

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault has called the law suit "frivolous," adding that the legal expenses incurred because of the suit is "a great waste of taxpayers' money."

Rheault said if Gallano was involved in the law suit, he should be taken to task by the council.

Attorneys Theodore Dimauro and Constance Sweeney of Springfield are representing the citizens in the case.

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Dated this 5th day of March, 1985.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.

PETITION NO. AG-1162

## LEGAL NOTICE

STREET Shoemaker Lane  
Ursula Retzler  
Council Clerk  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

## Council Defeats Move To Establish Comm. For Mayor Govt.

by Stuart Parker  
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council handily defeated a measure that requested the council to establish an informational committee to outline methods of altering the town's form of government from manager to mayor.

The motion, sponsored by Councilor Paul Trimboli, was defeated, 12-1.

Councilors Jack Shaughnessy and Andrew Gallano led arguments against formation of the committee, stating that the council could play no direct role in altering the town's form of government. Both agreed only a citizens petition could bring the matter before town voters.

Trimboli afterwards said he was disappointed in the council's vote. He said the vote, however, "in no way deterred his support for an alteration of the town's form of government."

He said, "I had hoped to have a greater public dialogue from elected officials to discuss the mechanics and the merits of changing our form of government. The council, by its vote, has indicated this is a discussion they're not now prepared to address," Trimboli commented.

Trimboli added he would seek to assist mayoral proponents by providing them with copies of the laws regulating a charter revision. Only the town's electorate can change the form of government.

"If the people take-up a petition to elect a charter revision committee, it is possible we could decide the mayor issue in the November elections of 1987," said Trimboli. "I don't think democracy is too good for the Town of Agawam. I think it's high time we had a true democracy in Agawam. The people are the only ones who should determine who is the head of their local government, not a select group of councilors."

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Special Town Council Meeting  
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8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 12th  
School Committee Meeting  
Junior High Cafeteria  
7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 18th  
Town Council Meeting  
Public Library  
7:30 P.M.

Monday, April 1st  
Town Council Meeting  
Public Library  
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Grade A Jumbo Eggs.....	<b>99¢</b>	Doz.
Krakus Imported Ham.....	<b>\$1.09</b>	½ Lb.
Kayem American Cheese.....	<b>99¢</b>	½ Lb.
Louis Rich Turkey Breast.....	<b>\$1.49</b>	½ Lb.
Land O' Lakes American Cheese.....	<b>\$1.19</b>	½ Lb.
Triple M Brand Daisy Ham.....	<b>\$1.59</b>	Lb.
Zonin Hot & Sweet Sausage.....	<b>\$1.89</b>	Lb.





## State Treasurer Crane Releases Money List

State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane today released the names of 36,000 persons who are due more than \$13 million from abandoned accounts.

Under the state's Unclaimed Money Law, bank accounts, insurance proceeds, uncashed gift certificates, payroll checks, customer overpayments, and the like that have gone untouched for at least five years are deemed to be abandoned.

All such accounts are to be reported to the treasurer, who then attempts to notify the rightful owners or their heirs. Last year, Crane returned more than half (\$9 million) of the \$18 million in reported abandoned accounts.

Crane said compliance with the law is improving. Nevertheless, the treasurer said he is not totally satisfied. "It is apparent that less than a sincere effort is being made by some institutions to find the owners. How can anyone fail to locate American Express, Hertz Rental, or the New York Times?" he asked.

Crane noted one important aspect of the Unclaimed Money Law which requires that until claimed, all funds are kept in the state's General Fund. Here, the funds are invested for the benefit of all residents and taxpayers in Massachusetts.

The local list includes: Arnold Ackiss, Ann Vaughan, Franklin C. or Richard C. Allen, American Reloc. Trans., Joseph S. Anton, Joseph Basile, Lisa Baurle, Concetta M. and John Beltrandi, Theresa Berube, Pam Berube, Ella Brown, David Buske, Susan L. Campbell, Tr., Robert Campbell, Al Clement, James Clifford, Arnold E. Comtois, Tr., Kimberly Comtois, Barbara Cook, Paul R. and Anna K. Daley, Salvatore DeCaro, Trust, Danielle DeCaro, Ernest Denby, Kenneth R. Descheneaux, Lori Ann Ditomoso, Tina E. Ditomoso, Ali Elhage, Margaret Ferrero, Thomas F. Foley, Raymond Gaboury or Kathleem O'Connor, Thomas Gallagher, Oliver A. Garrison, William A. Garvin, Leta K. Gearing, Enoch Griffin, Or Williams, Robert W. Hall, Ronald Hannah, Nathan Harriman, American Health Fitness, Bem Martin Hernandez, M.D., Jenevieve F. Hill, Roto Screen III Inc., Harry Rosen, Richard Johnson, David Kelly, Alfred R. & Matilda LaMothe, Robert or Elaine Laviolette, Allan Little or Pasquale Cassetta, Janet J. May, James McCarthy, David A. Meehan, Stephanie A. Meunier, Joseph Meyers, Cheryl Murphy, Richard H. Murphy, Ruth V. Nassif.

Nicholas Natale, Ellen A. Nichols, Robert L. Oliver, Sandra L. Oliver, Maureen A. Kingsley, Dolores Oxford, Dolores Oxford, Stephen E. Palmer, Paul Papadakis Tr., Matthew Papadakis, Alan E. Pedersen, Holly Jean Perella, Nancy A. Philipoff, Marsha Plegza, Jacqueline Provost, Jennifer Quaglini, Wilfred T. Riley, Peter Rodowicz, Florence E. Rowley, Christopher Safarik, Shawn Sausville, James M. Skala, George James Skowera Jr., Ruth Snow, Jayson St. Jacques, Alice Taylor, Edward Vanpolen, Karen Williams, Richard & Frances Young, Richard & Frances Young.

## Town Residents Recipients Of Commonwealth Citations

The following were recently named as recipients of the Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance by the state agencies in which they serve:

Yvonne Baez, of 243 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, by the Department of Public Health; Antonnette Pantoni, of Feeding Hills, by the Department of Public Health; and John Dunn, of 21 Forest Road, Agawam, by Springfield Technical Community College.

These awards were presented at a dinner hosted by Governor Michael S. Dukakis on December 11th, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, at which he personally recognized the accomplishments of outstanding employees of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance is part of the new Massachusetts Performance Recognition Program initiated in July 1984 by Dukakis and implemented by the State's Department of Personnel Administration.

It is an annual event that has been designed to encourage and reward the efforts and accomplishments of outstanding Commonwealth employees. Each year, selected employees or groups of employees in each state agency, who have demonstrated exemplary work performance, will be awarded the Commonwealth Citation, based upon nominations provided by their supervisors or colleagues.

The number of awards given by each state agency is based on the agency's size, ranging from one award for agencies with up to 100 employees, to 15 awards for agencies with 5,000 or more employees. A total of 350 Commonwealth Citations were presented to employees.

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## Council To Meet On Manager Candidates

by Stuart Parker

Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council will begin narrowing the field of 42 candidates for town manager on Monday, March 11th, with hopes expressed by Search Committee chairman Peter Longo that the field be reduced to a tentative selection of ten.

Longo said, that unlike the first search process at the close of 1984, he would like to contact tentative selections to determine whether they are still interested in the post. He would also like to conduct a limited background check against the candidates' respective resumes.

### Full Decision Of Council

While the format for selecting the candidates remains the decision of the full council, Longo said he hoped the council would retain this format used previously. This allowed any candidate receiving eight or more votes to continue to the next round of the council narrowing the field.

"Before interviews are to be held, I would hope to again see the tentative selections reduced from ten to five," Longo said.

Longo added that final selections would be subject to a thorough background check, and that all candidates who do go through this process be requested to appear before the council for interviews.

Longo said that with a consensus of support from the council, he would call for another special meeting,

in order for the council to determine which finalists still qualified or were interested in the position. "Once this is determined, we can determine who to have intensive background searches on and to then call them in for interviews," he said.

Last week the Search Committee met to rate the 42 resumes submitted, and then award points based on education and level of previous employment.

Fifteen candidates received in excess of 100 points of a possible 160.

Longo credited the fifteen as having the required credentials (on paper) "of being able to manage this community."

### Declined The Offer

The previous search, initiated late last summer, ended when selected finalist George McMahon of Maitland, Florida, declined to accept the position once it had been offered.

Though the council had selected eleven candidates as semi-finalists, the field was reduced to two as the balance of the candidates had received employment elsewhere, or no longer held interest in the position.

Longo indicated he was especially hopeful to have two meetings next week. "We don't want to lose any time which could make a difference in the number of candidates we have to consider," he said.

## Assessor's Office Says Auto Bills Coming

The first automobile excise tax commitment billing will be mailed to Agawam residents on March 7th. This bill is for residents with a motor vehicle registered on January 1st, 1985.

There are several changes to the excise law effective in 1985:

**1. Excise bills are now payable 30 days** from the date of issue. After 30 days late charges and demand fees are applied to overdue excise.

**2. The minimum bill** is now \$5. The minimum abatement is also \$5. No bill shall be reduced below this \$5 minimum.

**3. Handicapped plate holders** are not eligible for any exemption of an excise tax. A disability exemption is available for an individual who suffers permanent loss of both arms or legs, or a permanent impairment of vi-

sion.

Remember, it is the responsibility of each taxpayer to pay a tax bill. If you do not receive a bill, copies are on file in the collector's office. A bill not received is still due and payable 30 days from the date of issue.

Any vehicle transferred during the year is eligible for an abatement of the balance (of the excise) from the date of transfer. Bills to be adjusted should be brought to the assessor's office, with proof of transfer or cancellation.

Plate cancellation receipts are available from the Registry of Motor Vehicles or your insurance company.

The Agawam Assessor's Office welcomes all questions on taxation. They are located in the Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

## SIS Survey Shows Homes At 3-Yr. High

The number of homes under construction in the greater Springfield area reached their highest level in three years, but still remained far below the record levels of the early 1970's, according to William A. James, chairman of the board of Springfield Institution for Savings.

James was commenting on the findings of the semi-annual SIS Real Estate Analysis which surveys apartment vacancies, new homes completed but unsold, and homes under construction.

"Contributing to this increase in construction activity," James said, "was a sizeable drop in mortgage interest rates in the past six months. Variable rate mortgages start now at about 11 percent and fixed rate loans at 15 percent, while six months ago, the comparable rates were 13 percent and 15 percent."

The survey, taken in December, showed apartment vacancies at 2.2 percent, running slightly lower than the 2.3 percent recorded in June. At the same time, the number of completed but unsold new homes rose from 10 in June to 47, a seasonal trend comparable to the 54 unsold units recorded in December of 1983.

James said mortgage money is readily available with many lenders active in both fixed and variable rate mortgages.

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## Melconian, Walsh Announce State Grant

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), and Department of Environmental Quality Engineering Commissioner, S. Russell Sylva, today announced that the town of Agawam is the recipient of a state construction grant of \$65,669.

"The grant will go towards funding a study of the north-central area of the town where overflows of the Westfield River have been increasing over the past few years," said Senator Melconian.

The overflows result from pump stations being unable to handle the increased volume during periods of peak waste flows, and portions of the sewer system experiencing problems with infiltration and inflow.

Infiltration occurs when clean water leaks into the sewage system from defective pipes, joints, connections or manhole walls. Inflow refers to clean water entering the sewer system through illegal interconnections of storm drains, sump pumps and down spout connections from private homes.

In addition to defining the extent of the problem, the study will also recommend corrective actions to eliminate the overflows.

"The grant monies are most welcome as this is a chronic problem. The grant will go a long way toward alleviating the situation," added Representative Walsh.

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Dated this 4th day of March, 1985.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.

PETITION NO. AG-1161

### LEGAL NOTICE

STREET Shoemaker Lane

Ursula Retzler

Council Clerk

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Dated this 4th day of March, 1985.

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Council Clerk

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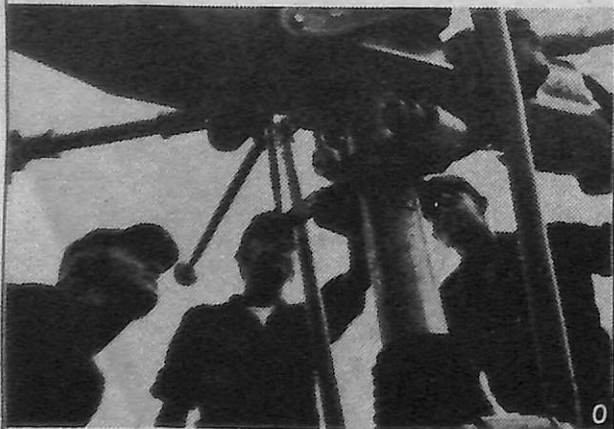
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## Sunday Blaze Hits Two Witheridge St. Homes



AGAWAM FIREFIGHTERS douse a blaze on Sunday, March 3rd, at 95 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills. The local fire department has been quite busy with house fires recently and this one destroyed a garage as well as the late model truck parked in the building. A surge in electrical power caused a fire across the street at 100 Witheridge Street. Flames burned a utility box and basement rafters. The power surge also caused a telephone pole to catch fire and downed wires damaged a parked car nearby. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM FIREFIGHTERS climb to the top of the garage at 95 Witheridge Street on Sunday, March 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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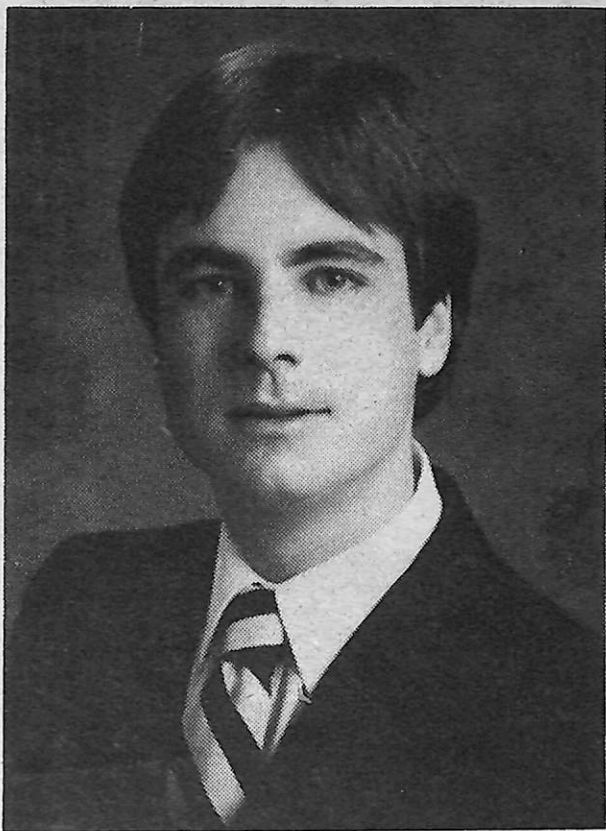
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# Families



JEFFREY G. TOUGAS

## Jeffrey G. Tougas Promoted At Bank Of New England-West

C. D. Harrington, Jr., president of Bank of New England-West, recently announced the promotion of Jeffrey G. Tougas to the position of commercial banking officer.

Tougas works in the Community Business Banking Division of the Commercial Loan Group. He is located at the West Springfield Office, 85 Elm Street, West Springfield. Jeff is a Certified SBA Lender and lends to companies with annual sales up to 5 million. He is responsible for the Agawam, West Springfield, and Southwick markets.

Tougas received his degree in Business Administration from Nichols College in Dudley, and is pursuing an MBA at Western New England College. He resides in Springfield.

Bank of New England-West is the largest bank in Western Massachusetts with assets over \$1 billion.

## Cancer Drive Kicks-Off At Agawam Rollaway

The American Cancer Society of Agawam group, will hold its yearly kick-off at the Rollaway Rink on Sunday, March 17th, at 7:30 p.m. (St. Patrick's Day.)

Susan and David Maiola will host the event in memory of Frank Maiola. For the past 19 years, the Maiolas have given the proceeds of the entire evening to the American Cancer Society.

The untiring efforts and generosity of the Maiolas and those who participate to help fight against this dreadful disease are greatly appreciated.

"Thanks again," Susan and David Maiola.



MR. &amp; MRS. THOMAS J. DECOSMO

## Susan M. Brown Marries Thomas J. DeCosmo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Brown are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Thomas J. DeCosmo. Mr. and Mrs. Carmelo J. DeCosmo of Agawam are the parents of the bridegroom.

The 1984 evening wedding took place on April 27th, in St. Thomas Church, West Springfield. The double-ring ceremony was concelebrated by Father Thomas Champigny of St. Thomas, and Father Peter Lochran of Blessed Sacrament, Holyoke.

The bride was attended by her sister, Lisa Brown, as maid of honor. Her bridesmaids included, Miss Katy Brown, her sister; Mrs. Patti Beaudette, sister of the groom; and Miss Linda Pianowski, close friend of the couple. Miss Nicole DeCosmo, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

Dan DeCosmo served his brother as best man. The ushers included, Attorney Thomas Locke, Daniel Beaudette, Ted DeCosmo, and Thomas Locke Jr. Daniel Beaudette Jr., served as the ring bearer.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore an off-the-shoulder Piccone gown of beaded Alecon lace and chiffon. Her headpiece was a twisted configuration of pearls, beads, and sequins, trimmed at the bottom in seeded pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses, lilies of the valley, orchids, stephanotis, pink chip, English ivy, and baby's breath.

Following a reception held at the Colosseum Banquet House, the couple left on a honeymoon trip to Acapulco, Mexico. The bride is currently employed by Northeast Savings Bank as manager and branch administrative officer of their Holyoke Mall at Ingleside office. The bridegroom is the owner of the Thomas Industrial Machinery Co. Inc., of Agawam. The couple currently resides in Agawam.

## Agawam Garden Club Begins 51st Year

The Agawam Garden Club will begin its 51st year on Tuesday, March 12th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include colorful slides of interest by garden club members. New and beautiful slides from Barbara Hodge's collection will be shown, as well as slides by other members, including anniversary party slides presented by Janet Cook and others by Alice Moore.

Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome to attend.

Officers for the year will be Judith Clini, president; Janet Cook, vice-president; Fran Warga, secretary; Barbara Farrington, treasurer, and Dorine Kubik, publicity secretary.

Programs scheduled for the remainder of the year will be: **April 9th:** Innovative Gardening Techniques by Lawrence King. **May 14th:** Journey to Land's End by Betty Johnson. **May 18th:** Annual plant and bake sale at the Leonard House. **June 11th:** Oriental Flower Arranging by Elaine Smith. **July 9th:** Tour of Jim Power's garden in Westfield. **August 13th:** Annual Family Picnic. **September 10th:** Annual Flower Show. **October 8th:** Christmas Decorations Workshop. **November 12th:** Annual Banquet with "I Love America" by Helen Bates. **November 26th:** Annual Greens' Meeting.

## Marching Mohawks Plan Weekend Paper Drive

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks will begin preparations for their May competition in Wildwood, New Jersey, and will be holding a paper drive to help with bus transportation.

The paper drive will be Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School parking lot.

Please bring your papers, but if you are not able to, please call Mary White at 786-4701, or Barb Connery at 786-2671 for pick-up.

Thanks ahead of time for your continued support of this fine group.

## Operation Friendship Plans Supper At Church

There will be a "Public Supper" at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Saturday, March 9th. On the menu will be chicken a l'orange, mashed potatoes, vegetable, tossed salad, rolls, fruit cocktail cake and a beverage.

There will also be a "Bake Sale" with all types of homemade pastries and breads. For reservations, call 786-5061 or 786-1822.

The supper is sponsored by the local chapter of Operation Friendship, Inc.

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## Nocturnal Adoration Society At St. John's Church



**ASSISTING FATHER GALLERANI** is Nocturnal Adoration Society member **Alfred Mutti**, at an overnight vigil on Friday, March 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Agawam La Leche League Joins National Observance

The Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League is pleased to be among the 3,800 La Leche League (LLL) Groups in the U.S.A. and 42 other countries celebrating the organization's "Second Founding."

LLL is a mother-to-mother, helping network which provides information and encouragement to breastfeeding mothers. Currently, 62% of new mothers in the U.S.A. breastfeed their babies.

The Second Founding of La Leche League was announced in October 1984 by the 29-year-old organization's international headquarters in Franklin Park, Illinois. An immediate influx of cash was needed. LLL groups all over the world were asked to join together in fundraising projects to support the Second Founding.

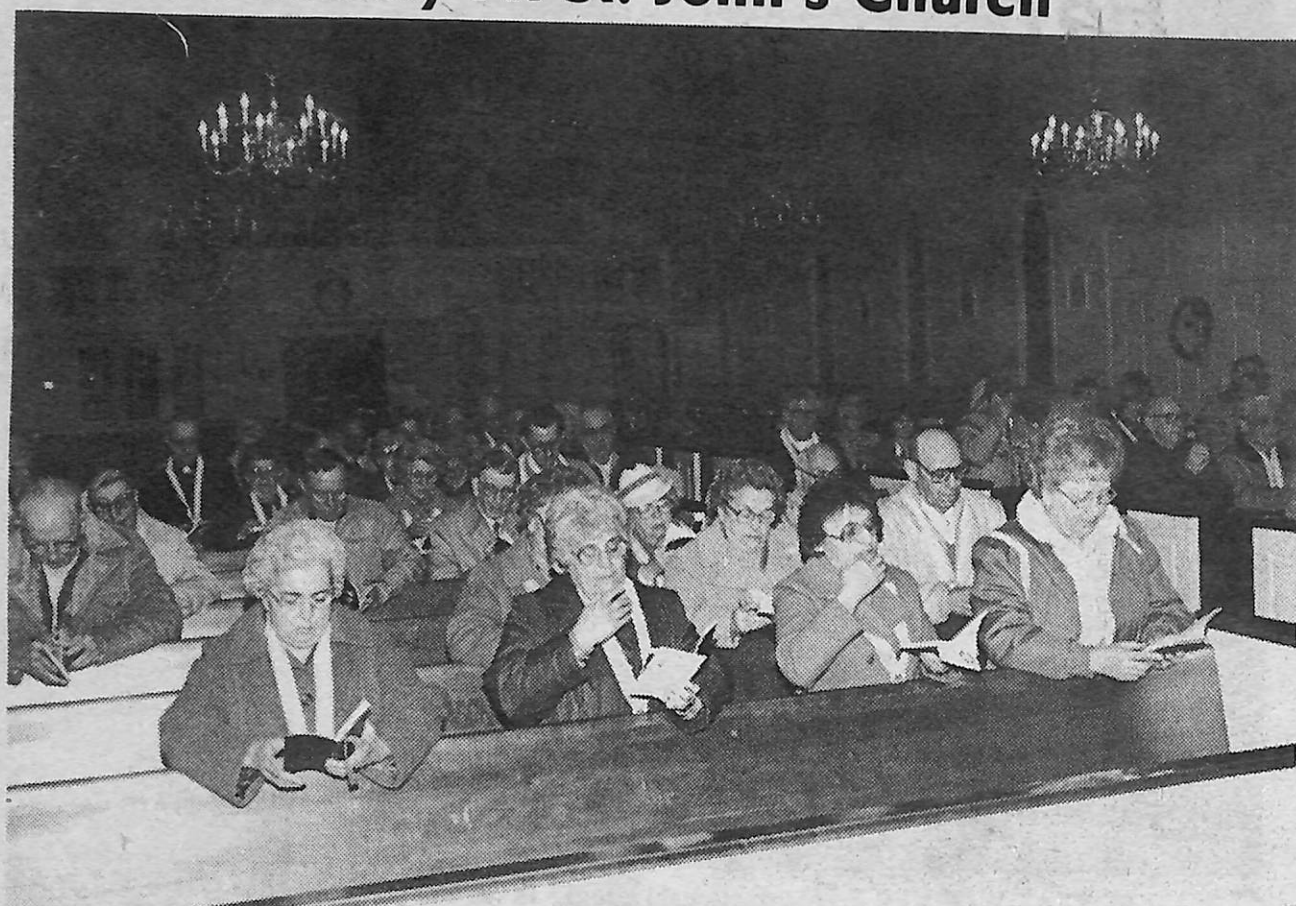
La Leche League of Agawam and West Springfield participated by holding a multi-family tag sale and raffle.

In just eight weeks, the "LLL F Groups" responded by raising over \$200,000. Raising this amount is a remarkable accomplishment since the membership consisted mainly of mothers with young children, who were also busy with holiday plans during November and December.

The successful drive is seen as a tribute to their strong belief in the importance of their organization.

Other Second Founding activities will continue throughout the year as part of the League's commitment to today's breastfeeding mothers and their families. Monthly meetings are open to all women who are interested in breastfeeding. Nursing babies are welcome to attend along with their mothers.

This month's LLL meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th. The discussion topic is: "Meeting the Challenges of Breastfeeding." For more information, contact Pat at 789-0661. The March meeting will be held at 100 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM-WEST SPRINGFIELD Nocturnal Adoration Society** begin an overnight vigil at St. John's Church on Main Street, on Friday, March 1st.

### Rabbit Breeders' Show At Maynard Street Armory

The Western Massachusetts Rabbit Breeders' Spring Show will be held Sunday, March 24th, at the National Guard Armory, Maynard Street, Agawam.

This show, sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders' Association, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The show is for all breeders and owners. All breeds are welcome.

Entries should be at the Armory not later than 9:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. for 41 breeds of rabbits and seven breeds of cavyes.

Young and new breeders are especially encouraged to participate - it will be a wonderful learning opportunity and a very good experience.

There will also be a raffle with appropriate items offered. Show superintendent is Mitch Szezepanek and show secretary is Elsie Szezepanek. For entries and more information, please contact Elsie at 543-3713. Deadline for entries is Thursday, March 14th.

Whether or not you are a rabbit fancier, why not plan to attend this show and enjoy watching these lovable small animals? It offers a change from the usual Sunday routine. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. Entry fee per animal is \$1.50.

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### Ruth Zucco Appointed Cancer Crusade Chairwoman

Ruth E. Zucco has been appointed Agawam Crusade chairwoman for her 22nd year.

Assisting her in the 1985 fundraising will be the following: Wilma Gillan, Special Events; Paula Rodier, Special Gifts; John Beltrandi III, Business and Industry; Dominick Candido, Bar Bucks; John Devine, Publicity; Patricia Demers, Clubs and Organizations; Harry Camyre of Westfield Savings Bank, and Ellen Bellows of Westbank, will be treasurers for Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Also assisting will be house-to-house precinct captains, Kim Nardi, Tammy Nardi, Jean Zucco, Kenneth Chapman, June Matt and Ruby Hendricks.

Because of the efforts and dedication of volunteers and the cooperation of the townspeople, Agawam has been able to reach its goal each year.

"Only with the help of people can we overcome this life-threatening disease. Remember, you have the key that can unlock the door. Thanks to all who serve and give," said Mrs. Zucco.

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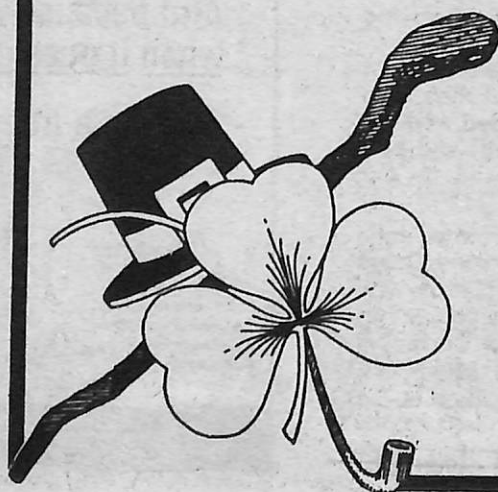
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**AGAWAM POSTAL WORKER Ed Modzelewski checks in for the last time on Friday, March 1st.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Ed Modzelewski Post Office Retiree

by Dorine Kubik  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Edward Modzelewski picked the right time of year to retire. With spring a little over two weeks away, he will be able to indulge in golfing, fishing, and gardening, three of his favorite hobbies.

Modzelewski, of 624 Suffield Street, Agawam, retired from the United States Postal Service effective March 1st. He was employed by the Agawam Post Office at 723 Main Street. Although he appears a great deal younger and energetic than his sixty-two years, he said that after giving it a lot of thought, "It was a good time to retire."

### Retirement Years Will Be Busy Years

Although Ed has not golfed in 15 years, he plans to pick it up again. He has two fishing boats in the backyard, and they will soon be put to good use for fresh water fishing. He also loves gardening and plants a large, two-acre tract with tomatoes, lettuce, onions, string beans, sweet corn, and blueberries.

He said, "I plant sweet corn from spring to fall. That way, I have corn all year long."

In addition, he has many high-bush cultivated blueberries that he tends to. He even propagates new blueberry bushes from clippings that he sets in peat moss and sand to sprout. Along with his garden and blueberry patch, that he has always maintained while working at the post office, he plans to put in about 1,000 strawberry plants this year. He said that farming has always been in his blood as his father raised tobacco in East Granby, Connecticut, back in the 1920's.

### Co-Workers

His Agawam Post Office co-workers surprised him with cake and coffee during his last day (Friday, March 1st), and the soft-spoken resident said that he will certainly miss everyone. Although it is too soon to tell how he enjoys retirement, he said, "I enjoyed my work. I always did."

Ed was employed at the post office for 20 years and said, "the time went by so fast." He said that he has seen "many changes in general" during his years at the post office.

One that has left a lasting impression was the construction of the new post office building. "I started when the old post office was next door to the Agawam Public Market," he said. "I watched the new building go up from digging out the foundation to the building's construction."

At that time, he was a substitute carrier-clerk and walked by the building's site to deliver mail each day. Since his 1964 employment as a postal worker, he first began as a carrier-clerk for two years, and then as a clerk for nearly 19 years. His duties included working the window, mail distribution, sorting mail, and processing mail in general.

### Married Thirty-Six Years

Ed has been happily married to the former Jane Makara for 36 years. They have two grown sons, David and Mark. David works in quality control at Dexter and Mark works in quality control at Ebtac. The couple has lived in their Suffield Street home since December 1951. Mrs. Modzelewski answered very assuredly, "Yes, I am very happy that Ed is retired," when asked about having her husband around the house much of the time.

SEE ED MODZELEWSKI - Page 10...



**FELLOW AGAWAM POST OFFICE workers Georgette Battles and Gil Bermudez (supervisor) congratulate Ed Modzelewski on his retirement, after surprising him with cake and coffee on Friday, March 1st.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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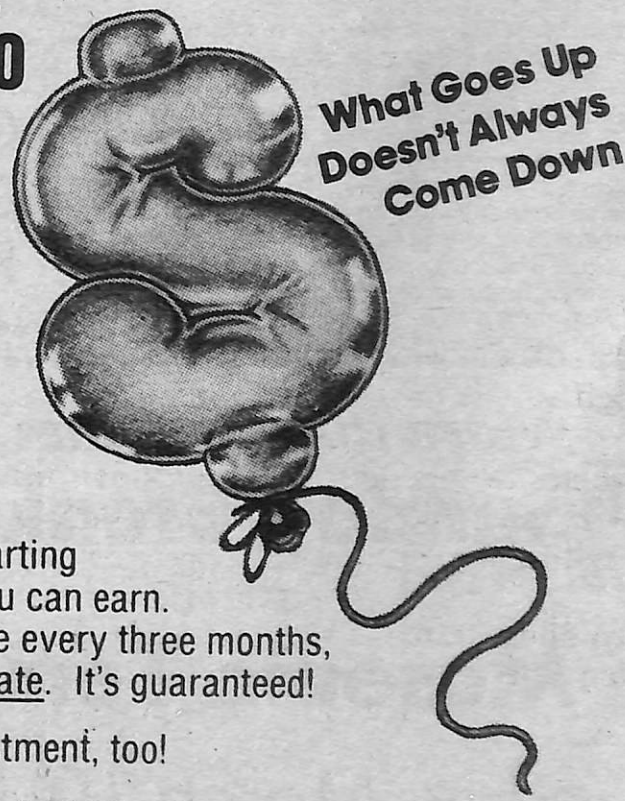
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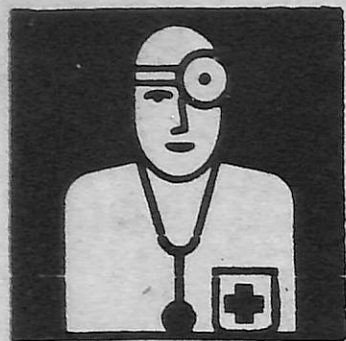
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## D IABETES: WE'VE COME A LONG WAY.

Diabetes was once a seriously disabling conditions for the elderly and a major cause of early death in children and adults.

Today, it is still a serious disease which, if left unrecognized and untreated, can kill. Yet, medical advances have made diabetes largely a controllable disease. With proper care and some changes in daily habits, you-or anyone with diabetes-can live a normal life.

### WHAT IS DIABETES?

Diabetes is a disease that disrupts the body's normal ability to use sugar and starches. It develops when there is a deficiency of the pancreas to produce or use insulin in the right amounts at the right times. Insulin is the hormone needed to make use of sugar and starches in the body. As a result, the blood is left with too much sugar, or glucose.

There are two types of diabetes: *Juvenile diabetes* affects children and young adults. It strikes suddenly, and its symptoms progress very quickly. *Adult onset diabetes* tends to be less dramatic than juvenile. It often strikes people who are over 40 and overweight, and it affects more women than men.

The most common symptoms of juvenile and adult diabetes include a need to urinate frequently, increased thirst and constant hunger.

If you have any of these symptoms or have a family history of diabetes, you can be tested for diabetes through simple urine and blood tests.

### HOW TO TREAT IT

Diabetes *does* require constant monitoring and care, but it *doesn't* stop a person from living a long and healthy life. The way to keep diabetes under control is to:

- Learn about diabetes and the disease process.
- Watch the diet. Restrict fats, keep a good car-

bohydrate balance and eliminate concentrated sweets such as candy, cake, etc.

- Return to and maintain ideal weight.
- Eat lots of high fiber foods.
- Get enough exercise.
- Eat meals on schedule.
- Have regular checkups and blood sugar monitorings. Complications can arise if diabetes is not properly managed or if left untreated.

### BLOOD SUGAR IS NOT ALWAYS SWEET

Sugar in a form called glucose is an essential element of our blood. It supplies our muscles with energy and is used in other bodily functions. But too much-or too little-blood sugar can be harmful.

We get sugar from the foods we eat. Unsweetened foods usually contain enough sugar to maintain the correct blood sugar level, so it's not necessary, and in some cases, it's actually dangerous, to eat too many foods with sugar added.

Blood sugar levels that are too high are a sign of diabetes. Blood sugar levels that are lower than normal produce a condition called *hypoglycemia*. Symptoms of hypoglycemia occur only a few hours after eating. These can include: sweating, palpitations, nausea, jitteriness, lightheadedness and very low energy.

Treating hypoglycemia involves dietary changes. Hypoglycemics should eat more proteins and fewer carbohydrates. Several small meals throughout the day are better than three large ones.

*A caution:* Hypoglycemia means "low blood sugar," nothing more, nothing less. The term is misunderstood and used by many people to describe a variety of illnesses and symptoms that may not be hypoglycemia at all. To diagnose hypoglycemia, a special glucose tolerance test is given.

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## Planning Lions' Supper



**AGAWAM LIONS CLUB OFFICIALS**, from left, Ray Olson, president; Mike Roy, supper chairman; and Jim Loomis, food chairman; gathered last week to continue the preparations for the Lions Club's Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper, this year slated for Wednesday, March 13th, at the Agawam Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Stroke Club Plans March 21st Meeting

The Hampden County Easter Seal Stroke Club will plan its March meeting on Thursday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the West Springfield Police Station, located on Central Street in West Springfield.

The featured topic will be "Energy Conservation" and will be presented by a Northeast Utilities Representative from West Springfield.

Please plan to attend this informative meeting and learn how to conserve heat in the winter and preserve coolness in the summer.

New members and guests are always welcome, and are encouraged to call Sue Racine at 734-6434 for more information.

**ED MODZELEWSKI - From Page 9...**

Ed was in the U.S. Army during World War II and served two of his three year tour in England and France during the D-Day invasion. He also served in Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant. He belongs to the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

He is also a member of St. John the Evangelist Church and is a member of the Polish American Club of Agawam. Before working at the post office, he was employed by various companies.



## THE TOWN COOKBOOK

By Mary Ann Govoni

### Imitation Crab Meat... What Is It Made Of?

It looks like crab meat...it tastes like crab meat...yet it may contain none of the real thing. Well then, you might be wondering, what is imitation crab meat made of and who is making it?

Until the late 1970's, imitation crab meat was unheard of in the United States; now it's a multi-million dollar a year business. It's sold in fish markets, supermarkets, sandwich shops, and even fast food chains.

Imitation crab meat is not a native product. The ideas and technology behind the manufacturing process lies with the Japanese. In fact, almost 100% of the base for imitation crab products is imported from Japan.

According to seafood specialists from the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Japanese use primarily Alaskan pollock as the fish ingredient. Alaskan pollock is a close relative of the pollock species inhabiting New England waters.

The raw meat is separated from the bones and then minced and washed several times.

Next, it is strained and mixed with stabilizers (sugar and sorbitol) for better freezer storage.

At this point it has the consistency of a paste and is known as "surimi." The paste is frozen in blocks to be restructured at a later time. It is this intermediate product which American seafood processors purchase.

For restructuring, the surimi is thawed and mixed with salt, and sometimes binders such as flour or egg white. Flavoring is added in the form of real crab meat, crab extract, or chemical flavoring.

The mixture is then extruded into the desired shape and heated, resulting in a texture similar to real crab meat. At some point, red food coloring is added to give the appearance of crab.

With such a hi-tech process, you're probably wondering what is left of the nutritional value of these products.

Fortunately, most of the nutritional benefits of the original finfish are retained.

Since the main ingredient is finfish, the cholesterol content is low, as are calories. One drawback of the processing is the addition of salt. **If on a low sodium diet**, be aware that imitation crab products have a relatively high sodium content (600 to 750 milligrams per 3 ounces).

When buying imitation crab products, look for a moist product with no discoloration or disagreeable color. Frozen products should show no indication of

freezer burn or build-up of ice crystals on the inside of the package. Since brands do vary in quality, it may be advisable to find a brand you like and stick with it.

Imitation crab meat can be used in any recipe which calls for real crab meat. The main advantage of using a substitute is because of its lower price, especially compared to prices for king crab and snow crab.

Fortunately, in New England, there are two local crabs which are reasonably priced - the Jonah crab and the red crab - making the decision between real and imitation a bit more difficult.

Following are some delightful recipes which will get you in the mood for crab.

### Hawaiian Crab Salad

- ¾ pound crab meat
- ½ cup diced celery
- ¼ cup diced green pepper
- ⅓ cup almond slices
- ¾ cup pineapple chunks
- ½ cup mayonnaise, salad dressing, or plain yogurt
- ¾ teaspoon curry powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons shredded coconut

Combine crab, celery, green pepper, almonds, and pineapple. Mix mayonnaise, curry, and salt; then combine them with crab meat mixture. Refrigerate. Serve sprinkled with coconut. Makes 4 or 5 servings.

### Easy Crab Meat Stuffing

- ½ pound crab meat
- 8 Ritz crackers, crushed fine
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1½ teaspoons dry sherry
- Milk
- Dash garlic
- Salt and white pepper to taste

Combine crab meat and crumbs. Mix with butter, sherry, and enough milk to moisten. Add seasonings. Use as a stuffing for fish fillets, lobster, shrimp, mushrooms, etc.

### Crab And Artichoke Casserole

- 1 pound crab meat
- 1 can (15 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2½ tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 1 cup half and half cream
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 2 tablespoons cracker crumbs
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- Paprika

Cut artichokes in half and place in well-greased, shallow 1½-quart casserole. Cover with mushrooms and crab meat. In a sauce pan, melt butter and blend in flour, salt and pepper. Add cream gradually.

Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Stir in sherry and pour sauce over crab meat. Combine crumbs and cheese, and sprinkle over sauce. Sprinkle with paprika. **Bake in a preheated 450° oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 6 servings.**

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Tuesday, March 12th**  
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**Sunday, March 17th**  
Agawam Kick-Off For Cancer Society  
Agawam Rollaway  
7:30 p.m.

**Saturday & Sunday, March 9th & 10th**  
Paper Drive  
Agawam High Marching Mohawks  
High School Parking Lot  
All Day

**Sunday, March 24th**  
Spring Fashion Show  
Agawam Junior Women's Club  
Colosseum Banquet House  
West Springfield  
11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 14th**  
Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper  
Agawam Lions Club  
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5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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## MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

by Vi Massoia

### Babcocks Celebrate 50th

MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY BABCOCK of 62 Mayfair Avenue, Springfield, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on March 3rd at Sheraton Inn — Springfield West, given by their daughters and spouses, JOANNE & WILLIAM LOMAS of Chicopee, and PATRICIA & RICHARD COURSEY of Middlebury, Vermont, as well as their son and his wife, TIMOTHY & SUSAN BABCOCK of Feeding Hills.

The couple was married in West Springfield on March 4th, 1935.

Raised in North Agawam, Mr. Babcock retired in 1974 after 44 years with Strathmore Paper Company. Mrs. Babcock is the former HELEN BURKE of West Springfield. They have six grandchildren.

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Friends of DOLLY CHEVALIER of North Alhambra Circle, Agawam, wish her a happy birthday which she will celebrate on Friday, March 8th.

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Belated birthday wishes to young EDDIE BORGATTI of Franklin Street, Feeding Hills. He celebrated his 19th birthday on Sunday, March 3rd. He is a first year student at Western New England College.

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"You're not getting older - YOU'RE GETTING BETTER" is the belated message that family and friends are sending to CHICKIE VALEGO of Meadow Street, Agawam. She celebrated her birthday on February 27th.

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"An absolute doll" is the way KATELYNN MICHELLE BERGERON was described to me. She was born February 18th, and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, measuring 21 inches long.



HELEN & TIMOTHY BABCOCK celebrate 50th anniversary. (SEE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS).

Proud parents of this doll are NORMAND and REBECCA BERGERON of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Thrilled with their new granddaughter are MAURINE S. POPP of South Hadley and RHEA G. BERGERON of Chicopee.

Great-grandparents sharing the joy of Katelynn's birth are ALBERT and HELEN SHAW of Holyoke. Helping mom take care of his new sister is two year-old CHRISTOPHER ALAIN BERGERON.

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Happy 20th birthday to MARIA KOZLOSKI of Meadow Street, Agawam. She celebrated her birthday on Thursday, March 7th.

She is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, majoring in math.

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VENETTA SNYDER celebrated her birthday on Monday, March 4th. Family and friends presented her with a cake. "39 and holding" — isn't that right Venetta?

## FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks  
Acting Agawam Fire Chief

### Surviving The High-Rise Fire

Some of us live or work in high-rise buildings every day. Few of us get through a year without visiting a high-rise office building, apartment complex or hotel. Here's how to deal with high-rise fires - fire-wisely.

The paramount rule for high-rise survival is simple: **don't jump.** Serious injury is likely to result if you jump from above the second floor; a jump from higher than the third floor is almost certainly fatal. The safety rules that follow will help you ensure that you avoid situations where jumping becomes an option!

When you enter a high-rise, look around and spot the two nearest exit stairs. In case of fire, an elevator is not an exit - elevators tend to head directly for the fire floor. In new buildings, the elevators may be automatically disabled when an alarm goes off. If you're checking into a hotel, count the number of doors between you and the exits - you may have to find one in the dark!

Fire-wise travelers carry a portable smoke detector, which hangs on the hotel room door. When the detector goes off - or you smell smoke - here's what to do. Call the fire department - not the front desk - take your keys - you may need to return to the room. Then **crawl** to the door, and feel whether it's warm.

If the door is warm, stay put. If the door feels cool, open it carefully and see how conditions look in the hallway. If there are no visible flames in the hallway and the smoke is not too heavy, crawl toward your exit. Open it carefully and check the conditions. If possible, proceed down to street level - or smoke conditions may drive you up to the roof.

When using the stairs, keep a firm grip on the railing. You may encounter individuals or groups coming from either upstairs or down, and could be knocked down if you're not holding on tight.

If smoke becomes so thick you can't escape, head back into your room (you did take the key!) and stuff wet towels in the crack below the door. Open the window (unless there's smoke or fire outside) and hang a sheet outside to attract rescuers - but **don't** try to climb down it. Breathe through a cloth, stay low, and wait for rescue.

During the high-rise fire, the person who keeps his or her head is most likely to survive. Use your wits, and remember these tips. Don't jump - and you can be a survivor.

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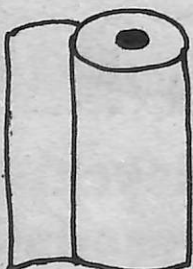
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## A PART OF LIFE

by Peter Forastiere  
Colonial Funeral Home

### Why Pre-Arrange A Funeral?

Talking about death is often difficult. Yet, a death in the family may create problems for survivors which can sometimes be alleviated by discussion and pre-planning. Pre-arranging and sometimes pre-financing a funeral is a method some people choose to assist their survivors after death occurs.

There are many different reasons for pre-arranging a funeral. Some persons especially those who are alone in the world, may want the assurance of a funeral which meets their personal beliefs, standards, or life-style. Others feel a responsibility to assist survivors by arranging approximate funeral cost guidelines.

Also, others may have moved to distant places and may want to make sure that certain recommendations are heeded as to where the funeral and burial will take place.

#### Cannot Be Generalized

The advantages or disadvantages of funeral pre-arrangements depend upon the individual circumstances and cannot be generalized. What may be satisfying for some could be impractical for others.

Before prescribing a definite kind of funeral or type of final disposition, it is always wise to consider and consult those survivors who will be most affected by the death. Grant them the opportunity to be active planning participants not just passive spectators.

Remember, while the funeral is of the person who has died, it is for those who survive.

Discussing funeral arrangements in advance brings the subject of death in the open and the family is afforded an opportunity to mutually share their thoughts about its important considerations.

Once the pre-arrangement is completed, the client receives a copy and the funeral director keeps one on file. The client should notify some responsible person that such an agreement exists and where it may be found.

Never leave a pre-arrangement in a safe deposit box or with a will, for oftentimes these details are not looked into until after the funeral.

Some who pre-arrange a funeral may want to pre-pay the entire amount or a fraction of it. It is important to note that a person making the payment can retain the right to terminate the contract at any time with reimbursement of all funds paid.

In any event, in making a pre-arranged funeral agreement, it is highly desirable that you seek expert professional counseling from a funeral director.

We will gladly assist you at no cost or obligation.

If, in your discussion, there are matters which go beyond our field, we will suggest you contact a person competent in that area. Always bear in mind that the funeral director is there to serve you.

My next article will deal with prepayment and the guaranteed New England Funeral Trust Plan.

### Continental Cablevision Now New Agawam Cable Manager

Continental Cablevision today announced the transfer of seven cable television licenses from Commonwealth Cablevision of Massachusetts to Continental Cablevision Inc.

Continental will now operate the cable television system serving nearly 37,000 customers in Agawam, Granby, Holyoke, South Hadley, Southwick, Westfield and West Springfield, formerly operated by Commonwealth.

Continental previously owned 40% of Commonwealth's stock, and exercised an option to purchase the remaining shares. The transfer was finalized on Wednesday, February 20th, following approvals of the seven communities served and the Federal Communications Commission.

Central offices for the cable system will remain in Westfield at 1110 East Mountain Road. Martin Schuler, an 11-year veteran of the cable industry, has been installed as system manager by Continental.

Schuler said, "Continental Cablevision is very pleased the transfer went smoothly and we are looking forward to serving cable television subscribers in the seven communities.

"Our primary goal will be to improve customer service through automation and other enhancements. We also plan to evaluate and expand community programming to better serve residents within the system."

Continental Cablevision, a Boston-based company, is the largest cable television operator in New England, serving 45 communities in Massachusetts alone.

Established in 1963, Continental is now the eighth largest cable company in the country with over one million subscribers.

### Brage-Iduna Lodge To Meet On March 12 In E. Long.

Brage-Iduna Lodge No. 9, Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American fraternal organization, will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 12th, in the reception room of St. Paul Lutheran Church, corner of Elm Street and Mapleshade Avenue, East Longmeadow.

After a brief business meeting, the movie *Denmark, You Will Love It*, narrated by Victor Borge, will be shown. Refreshments and a social hour will follow.

The lodge welcomes new members. Anyone interested may contact Robert Ebbersten, 21 Havenhurst Road, West Springfield; Donna Perrotta, 108 Monrovia Street, Springfield; or Harry Swanson, 8 Melwood Avenue, East Longmeadow.

### Baystate Medical Center To Hold Nursing Open House

Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 10th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at 65 Springfield Street, next to the Springfield Hospital Unit.

"Hands-on exhibits," faculty members, current students, and a financial aid advisor will be on hand to answer questions.

Founded in 1894, the school offers the area's oldest professional nursing program, preparing persons to become registered nurses.

"People from all walks of life, backgrounds and ages are finding a career in nursing is rewarding in many ways," said Linda T. Mahavolich, coordinator of student recruiting.

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## J. Martin Schuler Appointed By Continental Cablevision

J. Martin Schuler has been appointed system manager of Continental Cablevision of Western Massachusetts, Inc., serving Agawam, Granby, Holyoke, South Hadley, Southwick, Westfield, and West Springfield, it was announced today. Continental recently purchased Commonwealth which served nearly 37,000 customers in the seven communities.

Schuler has been in cable television system management for 11 years, and will be headquartered at the former Commonwealth Cablevision offices at 1110 East Mountain Road, Westfield.

Schuler said his primary goal in the new position will be to improve customer service operations and begin to plan further automation improvements.

A native of Kentucky, Schuler attended the University of Kentucky and is a graduate of Kentucky State Vocational School.

Schuler has been in the cable industry since 1974 and has managed cable systems in Connecticut, the Denver area, and in Southern California.

Most recently, he managed Continental's north central Connecticut franchise during the construction and start-up phase of the 10-town system.

Continental Cablevision, a Boston-based company, is the largest cable television operator in New England serving 45 communities in Massachusetts alone. Established in 1963, Continental is now the eighth largest cable company in the country with over one million subscribers.

## St. Anthony's Holy Name Soc. To Honor Past Presidents

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church, Agawam, will honor all past presidents at their Tuesday, March 12th meeting, at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Social and cocktails will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. The meal is your choice off the menu.

A special invitation is extended to all inactive members to attend. Also, any person wishing to join the group is also invited.

For reservations, call President Robert Ritche at 789-2813; the rectory, 786-3724; or the Alert Committee - Aldo Francolini, 786-4755, and James Savioli, 786-3790.

The St. Anthony Holy Name Society was formed in the early 1950's and presently is the only Catholic men's organization in Agawam.

## Forastiere To Discuss Death With Children



**FUNERAL DIRECTOR PETER FORASTIERE (left)** of the Colonial Funeral Home at 985 Main Street, Agawam, and **Pastor Leonard Cowan** of St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills, will hold a seminar for parents and young children, designed to help them understand death and the funeral. The seminar is to be held Sunday, March 10th, at St. David's Episcopal Church, at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Italian Sporting Club To Hold Oldies Dance

The Italian Sporting Club will be sponsoring their Second Annual Oldies Dance on Saturday, March 9th, at 8:00 p.m., at the club on Cooper Street, Agawam.

There will be dance contests and prizes. Snacks will be available throughout the evening. Music will be provided by Sam Devine of Non-Stop Music Co.

Tickets are \$4.50 per person and may be purchased at Valenti's Restaurant, Main Street, Agawam, or at the door.

## Army Private Janet Mallory Completes Basic Training

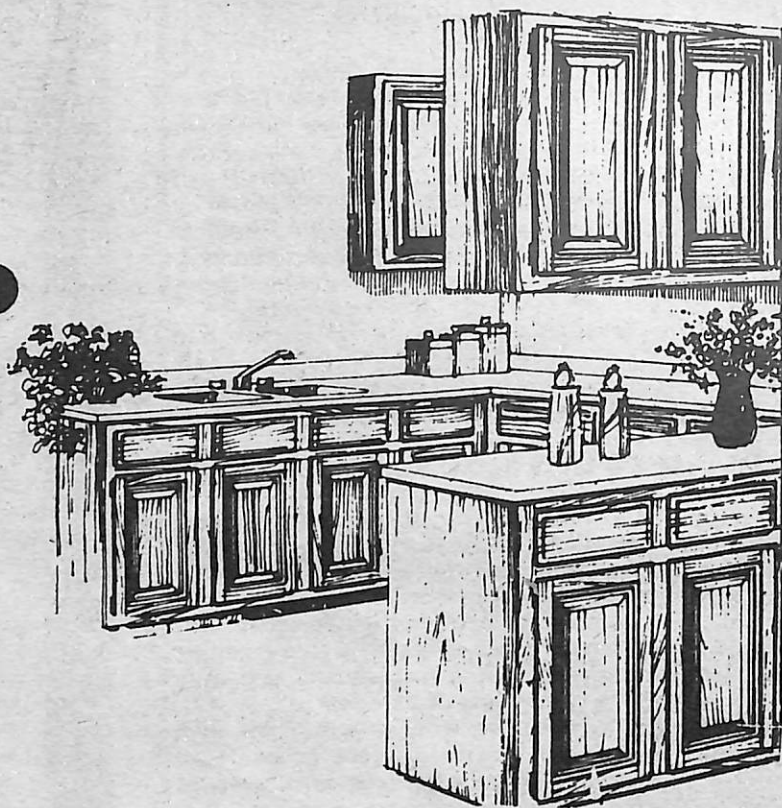
Army Private Janet L. Mallory, daughter of Arthur C. and Hazel E. Mallory of 783 Suffield Street, Agawam, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

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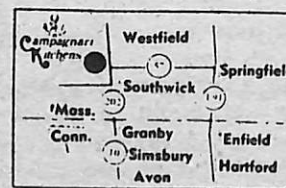


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## in old Agawam

by  
Marilyn & Dick Curry

### ANNE SULLIVAN: Feeding Hills' Unsung Heroine Revisited

**Publisher's Note:** In Part I of a two-part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry discuss the events leading up to the beginning of the world-famous relationship between Feeding Hills native Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller. Part II is next week.

The week of October 17th, 1976, had been proclaimed Anne Sullivan Week throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Even at this time, it would appear that few people could actually identify Anne Sullivan (Macy) as a national, if not a figure of world fame. Yet, fewer people could identify this heroine of the blind and deaf with the Village of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

But indeed, the woman in question was and has been the epitome of educational dedication devoted to the development of those who must suffer the misfortune of being deaf and blind.

A little more than 100 years ago, we might have taken pity upon those people who seemed to have been born to bear the burden of the "Divine Providence." But, as the years progressed, we have come to learn that in the darkness and stillness of their handicap, the blind and deaf seem blessed with a greater insight into the meaning of life; far beyond the magnificence of being "normal" (if you will pardon the expression).

Agawam, via Feeding Hills, may assume its proper place in the contribution of distinguished people down through the course of local history.

The citizens of our town and village may rightfully make claim to several personages of outstanding contributions to the welfare of our country, including Ben Wade, almost President of the United States; General Creighton Abrams, U.S. chief of Armed Forces staff; and of course, Anne Sullivan, teacher to Helen Keller.

We are confident that within this distinguished trio, the two aforementioned gentlemen would graciously acquiesce to Anne Sullivan as being the apex of this pyramid of distinction.

#### Anne Sullivan, Native-Born Citizen

In her history of Agawam, authoress Edith LaFrancis aptly ascribes a complete chapter to the memory of Anne Francis. In her opening statement, Mrs. LaFrancis states: "Anne Sullivan, oldest child of Thomas and Alice Clohesy Sullivan, was born April 12th, 1866, in an old and very dilapidated house on South Westfield Street, which long ago had belonged to Rufus Leonard, and at the time of her birth, housed several immigrant Irish families.

Prior to the birth of Anne Sullivan, her parents had immigrated from Ireland during the famine of 1847. Penniless, save for their fare to the United States, the Sullivans moved to Feeding Hills with the belief that conditions might prove better for them.

Unfortunately, the Sullivan clan was to undergo a never-ending period of misfortune after their arrival to the small village in western Massachusetts.

From the time of her birth, young Anne knew little else but poverty. Although she was born with good eyes, Anne was to become tormented with the disease known as trachoma, an illness that was to leave the young Irish girl almost totally blind! It is small wonder that Anne was given to childish outbursts and tantrums, (during the early years of her life).

Having shared residence with several other Irish families at the South Westfield Street house for a period of several years, Anne's father finally moved his family to a more convenient location nearby.

For a brief period of time, Anne, prior to her illness, attended the brick schoolhouse then located on South Westfield Street. Finally, the Sullivans once again moved to a boarding house in Feeding Hills Center.

In 1874, Alice Sullivan died, leaving her husband, now burdened with sorrow and given to drink, to raise the remainder of his family. At this time, Anne was told that she could no longer attend the one-room schoolhouse.

#### Incapable To Educate Handicapped

Although this denial to an education may seem harsh at this modern day, it must be remembered that the local school systems were still incapable to properly address the needs of the handicapped. Nonetheless, this decision must have been an additional burden to the young girl, who had already suffered more disappointment than she deserved.

For a short period of time, the Sullivan family became separated, at first seeking some refuge in the household of Anne's uncle (living on North West Street). But, the reprieve from suffering was temporary.

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HELEN KELLER WITH HER FAMOUS  
TEACHER, ANNE SULLIVAN

## Helen Keller Centennial 1880-1980

BLIND AND DEAF WRITER AND LECTURER

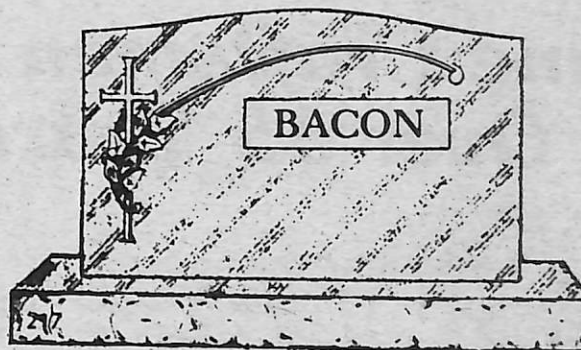
**THE UNITED STATE POST OFFICE** honored the memory of Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller with a special "Centennial Stamp" which was first issued at the Feeding Hills Post Office during ceremonies held on the Feeding Hills Green on June 28th, 1980. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**ANNE SULLIVAN - From Page 14...**

In February 1876, Anne and her brother Jimmy were finally relegated to the State Almshouse in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. One can only imagine the fear and anxiety of these two young children as they embarked upon a life of total uncertainty and fear! To ten year-old Anne and her crippled brother, their ride to Tewksbury was their first experience on the train.

However, upon arriving at the institution, both children were to spend the first night sleeping in the confines of the "death house." Yet, it can only be surmised that to these two tired children, it would matter little that their surroundings were so sombre and macabre!

During this interim of time, the Sullivan children occupied themselves with cutting out magazine pictures which they posted on the walls of the death house. The two children did this when they were not engaged at watching the antics of the elderly, the diseased, and the perverted inmates of their surroundings.

But, with the death of Jimmy, Anne was again brought to grief. Even in this, she had learned a feeling of love and devotion that was one day to strengthen her eventual relationship with Helen Keller.

Aged beyond her years, Anne seemed destined to a lifetime of darkness and depression. Until now she had become an island unto herself. Small wonder that she seemed given to frequent outbursts of temper!

**The Light At The End Of The Tunnel**

The trials and tribulations suffered at the hands of young Anne Sullivan during her formative years only served to strengthen her mental discipline to persevere. This lesson was to endow her with the necessary attributes of a truly dedicated teacher; a teacher who was to undertake the greatest demands on her own inner soul to achieve success against the odds.

This achievement came from within herself; to survive and progress, as well as extending her own accomplishments within the framework of the great Helen Keller.

It must be remembered that science, medicine and education had not been advanced as they are today. Accordingly, had Anne Sullivan lived today, her life might have been quite different than it was 100 years ago!

Even then, we must ask ourselves if Providence, at that time in the development of civilization, did not indeed provide for the eventual training of this great person, who was to prove to the world the ability of man and woman to achieve beyond that which is presumably expected of them. Certainly, in her case, Anne Sullivan was destined to accomplish the impossible!

Although she had suffered a lifetime in a few years, a turn of events occurred with the visit of Father Barbara, a priest, who placed Anne in a Lowell hospital,

supervised by the Sisters of Charity. Following a series of eye operations (that proved insignificant), she returned to Tewksbury. Again, the state claimed her! At this time, Anne was relocated to a ward for unwell mothers.

During the ensuing time at Tewksbury, Anne Sullivan became even more self-disciplined! It was a blessing when friends began to read to her from various books. If Anne had desired anything, it was the thirst for knowledge. Fortunately, by way of an investigatory committee under Mr. Frank B. Sanborn, Anne was able to convince the committee of her earnest intentions of attending school.

Through her own sincerity, Anne finally convinced the committee to allow her to attend the Perkins Institution. At the age of 14, Anne entered the famous institution on October 7th, 1880.

At this time, Helen Keller was only three months old.

**Regained Partial Eyesight**

Still a ward of the state, Anne entered Perkins amidst a world of sophisticated people, all of whom had ideas and backgrounds contrary to her own. Ridiculed and reprimanded by students and teachers alike, she soon established a personality of loneliness that caused her to question everything.

Following an operation at the Carney Catholic Hospital, Anne was finally to regain partial eyesight. Able to read, the young girl from Feeding Hills was able to study on her own.

During the time period in question, Anne Sullivan was to exemplify herself as synonymous with the various religious and social reforms of the day! More than once the authorities at Perkins Institution were tempted to expell this radical young girl.

However, she did manage to remain at the institute, finally graduating valedictorian in her class in 1886. At this time, she proclaimed a philosophy of "self-culture" as the basis for social progress. Anne Sullivan was now prepared to confront the world of the young Helen Keller.

**The World of Helen Keller**

It is said that God works in strange ways. If this be true, then there is little doubt about the eventual relationship that was to develop between the poverty stricken young girl from Feeding Hills and Helen Keller, the incorrigible younger woman who lived within the confines of a more prosperous and enriched familial society in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

It would appear a strange phenomenon that brought these two intellectuals together. Both girls were ill-tempered and determined in their own ways. Of the two personalities, Anne was better prepared to assume the authoritative hand, since Helen Keller was both blind and deaf and knew little of the world about her, save for the exploratory conclusions of her other senses.

**Part II Next Week.**

**Ames Draws Winners**

**AGAWAM AMES DEPARTMENT** store manager George Brennon selects the lucky winner of the Washington's Birthday sweepstakes on February 27th. The winner was M. Fleury of 65 Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Obituary****Dulcie M. LaBelle**

Agawam: Dulcie M. (Morneau) LaBelle, 88, of 107 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, retired seamstress at the Barton Tailoring Co. and Kinsler Coat Co., both in Springfield, died Monday, March 4th, in Baystate Medical Center. Born in Salem, she lived in Springfield 70 years, and then in Agawam 10 years. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She leaves two sons, Henry L. of Springfield and Edward A. of Neptune, New Jersey; a daughter, Rita E. Giguere of Feeding Hills; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The funeral was Thursday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

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**Laughing Brook Seeks Volunteers**

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Volunteer participation at Laughing Brook is a way to find out more about your community and environment, meet people with similar environmental interests, build confidence, prepare for entering the job market, and encourage personal growth.

Come explore the many and varied volunteer opportunities at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, by attending a volunteer open house, scheduled for Saturday, March 9th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Several volunteer opportunities are available at the 259-acre sanctuary and former home of children's author Thornton W. Burgess. In particular, Laughing Brook seeks reception office workers, Audubon Shop clerks, librarians, and sanctuary guides.

On-the-job training will be offered in all volunteer positions. The March volunteer open house will give people the opportunity to find out more about volunteering at Laughing Brook through meeting Audubon staff and volunteers.

Volunteer receptionists are needed on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Also needed are persons with flexible work schedules to act as substitute

receptionists on short notice.

As a receptionist, a volunteer will help answer the telephone, greet visitors to the sanctuary, perform light office jobs, and assist the Audubon staff with various projects that arise. This is a good opportunity for people who are outgoing and enjoy meeting and greeting sanctuary visitors.

The benefits from volunteering are many and the requirements are minimal. As a volunteer, Laughing Brook offers the unique opportunity to increase your environmental awareness through stimulating contact with Laughing Brook's Audubon staff and with a special group of dedicated volunteers.

Other benefits include, free admission to the Sanctuary, discounts on continuing education programs, subscriptions to the volunteer and sanctuary publications, access to the Environmental Resource Library, and participation in special volunteer recognition events throughout the year.

Everyone is encouraged to join this unique group of people who are working together toward creating a community with a higher environmental consciousness.

These opportunities are just a sampling of the many volunteer openings at Laughing Brook. For more details about these and other volunteer positions and the March volunteer Open House, contact Lisa Carpenter, volunteer coordinator, at 566-8034.

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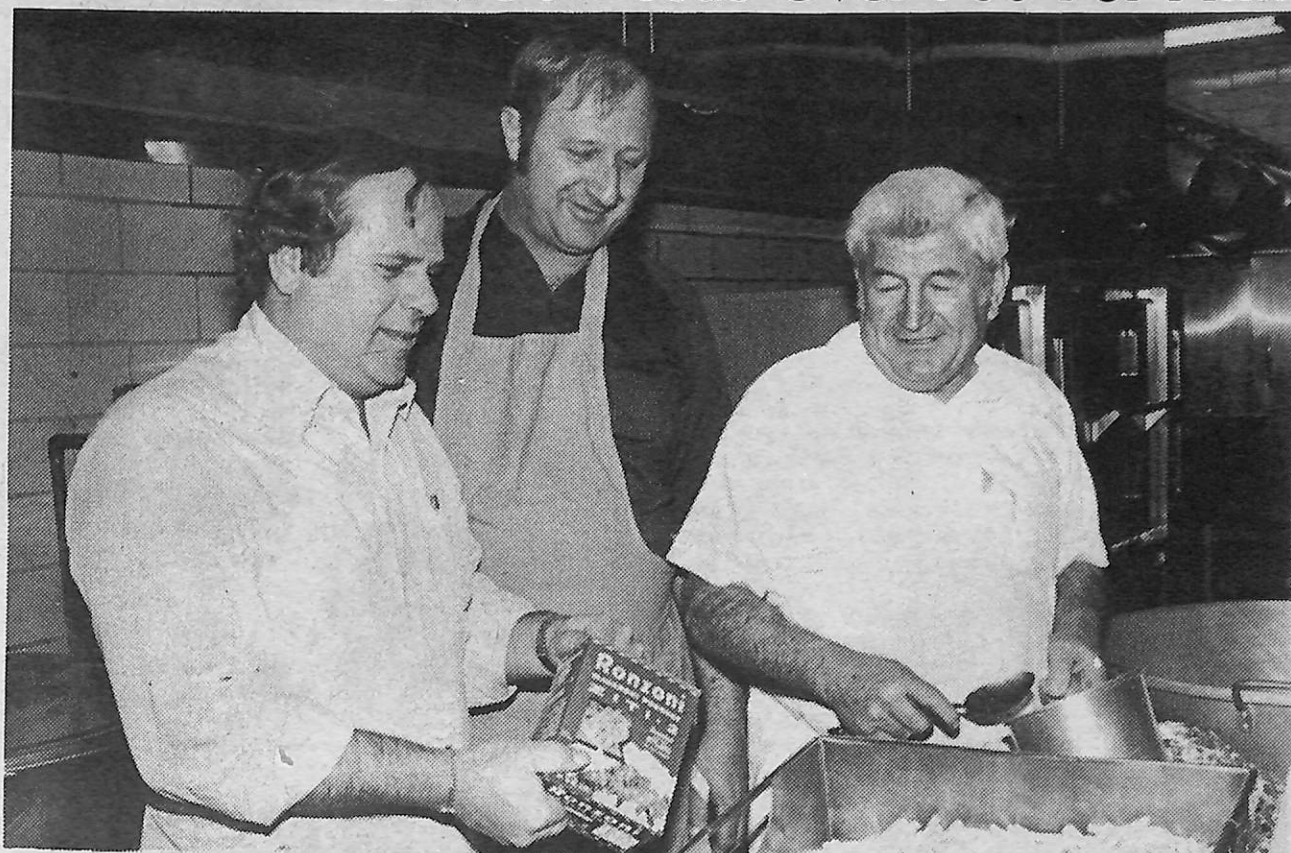
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## UNICO Feeds Over 700 For Annual Dinner



**AGAWAM UNICO CHEFS** cooking the macaroni, Jack Chriscola (left) and Walter Uelego (center), receive a few tips from general chairman Charles Calabrese at the Agawam High School on Sunday, March 3rd. Over 700 townspeople attended the annual Macaroni & Meatball Supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**UNICAN WIVES** Louise Scherpa (left) and Jose Chriscola had plenty of baked goods to be sold at the UNICO Macaroni & Meatball Supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ENJOYING THE FINE MEAL PRESENTED** by members of Agawam UNICO on Sunday, March 3rd, are, from left - Anna Novotny, Edna A. Peliciary, and Isabel Peliciary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**EMILY DREYER** couldn't wait to dig-in to her macaroni and meatball supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Collectors Can Learn About Buying Prints At Museum

Collectors and would-be collectors can learn the fine points of buying prints at the Springfield Library and Museums Association's Treasure Hunting program, Wednesday, March 13th, at 5:00 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Steven Kern, assistant curator of exhibitions for the art museum, will discuss the various types of prints and their unique qualities. He'll share his expertise on what to look for, what to avoid, and where to find the best bargains.

"Since the 16th century, prints have been the easiest of the fine arts to collect, and, perhaps, the cheapest," said Kern. "Because they are produced in editions, they are more readily available than paintings or drawings by a single artist."

This will be the sixth presentation in the popular Treasure Hunting series.

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# Agawam Chemical People Look To Spring

by Dorine Kubik  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

On Tuesday, January 29th, 1985, the Agawam Chemical People Task Force, as a continuing process of educating townsfolk about substance abuse, sponsored a program about driving drunk. The public program was held at the Agawam Junior High School for the public during the evening and again the next day for all classes at Agawam High School. The national program, Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) was presented by William Orr, the organization's national field representative.

## Car Becomes A Potential Weapon

The program was directed to both drivers faced with the problem of driving their car while under the influence of alcohol, as well as to the passenger of the car faced with the problem of having to ride with a drunk driver.

Resident Jeremiah Sullivan, chairman of the Agawam Chemical People, said during a recent telephone interview, "Some concern was shown as to why the program was not put on for junior high students. Teaching younger kids not to get in a car with a driver who has been drinking is important."

He added, "Public awareness that evening was well-received, although only less than 200 people attended." He explained that the SADD Program (Students Against Driving Drunk) established a physical link between parent and child. By using the "Contract For Life" which was issued to high school students, a means of open communication was established with parents. The contract simply stated, "I'll call you if I need a ride."

## Future Plans Of Chemical People

Sullivan said that future plans include further public programs with both alcohol and drug related problems. The Agawam Chemical People is in the process of planning some type of program for the high school prom and the always energetic graduation period.

"These are critical times with a great deal of parties," he said. "Many kids are killed or maimed in drunk driving accidents throughout the nation during

this time and we don't want it to happen in Agawam," the father of four added.

## SADD History

SADD was started by a former Agawam teacher, Bob Anastas, who taught in Agawam in the 1960's, formed the first SADD organization in 1981, in Marlborough. Two of Anastas' students were killed in alcohol-related accidents and that was the spark that set him to establish SADD.

## Members Of The Board

Along with Sullivan, adult members of the Agawam Chemical People board are: Sergeant Al Longhi, Betsy Sardella, Kathy Hallemann, Susan Mutti Hayes, Pam Jones, Rene Picoli, Connie Letendre, Joe Ryan, Maggie Hill, Jessie Fuller, Marilyn Sullivan, and Fred Affleck.

Affleck, one of the group's initiators, spoke with enthusiasm on the program's progress during a recent interview. He is also a founding member of the Agawam Counseling Center.

He said, "In reading the SADD handbook, I note a quotation: 'On any Friday or Saturday evening one out of ten drivers on the road is driving drunk.' The apparently increasing amount of drunk drivers has received the attention of federal, state, and local authorities and deserves the concern of all citizens."

"The effort of the SADD program deserves the all-out support of concerned citizens in the Town of Agawam," said Affleck, resident of Agawam since 1949. He is the father of three grown children.

Affleck also related that the community meeting on January 29th and the program at the high school the next day were successful. All three grades of the high school met in the gym, along with student delegates and their faculty advisors from nearby high schools.

Over 1,200 students attended the program and were given blank contracts and listened to Orr's presentation.

As part of the program, bumper stickers are available at the high school with the slogan, "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk."

## Pvt. James S. Hoague Involved In NATO Exercises

Pvt. James S. Hoague, son of James E. and Georgeanne Hoague of 7 Rhodes Avenue, Feeding Hills, was involved in a NATO-sponsored exercise by participating in the Army's return of forces to Germany (REFORGER) 1985.

The exercise was designed to develop uniformity of

doctrine, standardize procedures for rapid response to a crisis and demonstrate solidarity in commitment to NATO goals and objectives.

Hoague is a vehicle driver with the 32nd Armor in Kirch-Goens, West Germany.



**SADD NATIONAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, William Orr, addresses the gathering at the Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Agawam Baptist Church Slates Ham And Bean Supper

A family style ham and bean supper will be held at Agawam Baptist Church, on Saturday, March 16th, with serving times at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. For reservations call 786-8609, 786-6289, or 786-8570.

The menu will consist of baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted homemade pies, coffee and tea.

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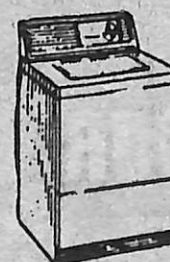
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# News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

## Special St. Patrick's Programs

Thursday, March 14th, in addition to the Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch served at the Agawam Senior Center that day, Vera Conway will entertain with appropriate music. Vera's programs are always great fun.

Also, Tuesday, March 19th, at 12:15 p.m., there will be an Irish program presented by Fats Daniel and his group. We remind you that luncheon reservations have to be made at least a day in advance.

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And speaking of lunch, the Activities Committee makes available a light menu every Saturday evening at 5:45 p.m., preceding the Bingo Game at the Senior Center. Offered are: a "sandwich-of-the-day", soup, Sandra's "special hot dogs," doughnuts, ice cream, coffee, tea and milk.

## Silver-Haired Legislature

New elections will be held on Tuesday, April 9th, 1985. The deadline for nomination papers is Friday, March 29th. Complete information will soon be available at the Senior Center.

Most of the present incumbents' terms ended last December 31st, since they have served two years and are not eligible to run again. If you are interested in working on behalf of the Massachusetts Elder Community, check into this program. Those elected on April 9th to serve as the Silver-Haired Legislature, will receive two days of regional training in April and May, plus a two-day State House meeting in June.

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Thursday, April 11th, at 12:15 p.m., at the Senior Center, Sisson Tours will present slides on the Ogunquit, Maine trip. If you are going on this 3-day/2-night trip, this will be a preview. If, for some reason, you cannot take the trip, come and see what you will be missing.

A reminder: Reservations and a \$15 deposit for this June 24th-25th-26th trip to Southern Maine are due April 1st.

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Have you ever felt left out when younger members of your family, or their friends, are talking about computers? (I have.) On Tuesday, March 19th, at 2:00 p.m., Peter Pollito, professor of Computer Science at Springfield College, is coming to the Senior Center to tell us about computers. We look forward to a fascinating discussion.

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## Piano Instruction

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## Trips

**April 25th:** The Gables, Lenox, "The Wedding Party," \$26.20. Choice of baked ham, chicken salad, Sole Veronique. Bus pick up at Country View at 10:00 a.m., Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. Deadline, April 1st.

**May 23rd:** Coachlight Dinner Theater *My Fair Lady*, \$18.55. Bus pick up at Country View at 10:45 a.m., at Senior Center at 11:00 a.m. Deadline, May 1st.

**June 24th-25th-26th:** Ogunquit, Maine at the Cliff House, \$15 deposit by April 1st.

**August 25th:** The Gables, Lenox, "A Family Affair" sequel to "The Wedding Party."

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## Services

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**Diabetic Screening:** April 5th, by appointment.

**Dr. Haynes Foot Clinic:** None in March. Next date is April 3rd, by appointment.

**Foot Care Service:** March 21st and April 18th. 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., by appointment.

## MENU

**Monday, March 11th:** Pepper steak, broccoli, au gratin potatoes, rye bread, lime jello.

**Tuesday, March 12th:** BBQ chicken, noodles, mexican corn, bran bread, cookies.

**Wednesday, March 13th:** Lambette with gravy, whipped potato, tomato/zucchini, oatmeal roll, canned pears.

**Thursday, March 14th:** Corned beef and cabbage, boiled potato, Irish bread, cake with green topping.

**Friday, March 15th:** Clam chowder, cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit.

## Agawam Council on Aging Invites All Seniors To Center

### Do YOU Visit Your Senior Center?

It occurs to us that there may be quite a number of "over 60" Agawam folk who seldom or never visit the Senior Center. The center, located on Wright Street, is under the direction of the Agawam Council on Aging (COA). COA is funded by the Town of Agawam, and state and federal grants as well as senior fundraising activities. If you have never visited the center, the facilities may surprise you.

The key staff consists of the director Richard Mundo; Community Aide and Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Virginia Hennessey; Activities Director, Sandra Smith; and Secretary, Peggy Shoemaker. Also a kitchen staff, meals-on-wheels and van drivers, and those who man the front desk. There are many volunteers who serve at the ticket booth, the gift shop, the blood pressure clinic, as class instructors, and those who assist the staff in innumerable ways. Volunteers work on the commodities distribution every other month.

Stop in soon and get acquainted. Get your "Senior Citizen Card" and a list of local merchants who offer Senior Citizen discounts. A nutritious lunch at a nominal fee is served at 11:30 a.m., when the center is open. Reservations are required a day ahead and may be made by phone, 786-0400, extension 242. Various health services are offered, usually by appointment.

While here, check out the "Bulletin Boards" in the lobby so you can sign up for any of the interesting activities and/or trips listed. Right now, some new afternoon activities are getting underway on Tuesdays, with a table tennis class at 1:30 p.m. and Ladies' Pool at 2:00 p.m. The center has four regulation pool tables and there is an active Men's Pool Club.

There are classes in painting, ceramics, knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, needlepoint, dancing and exercise. Tables are always available for cards or a quiet game of checkers or chess. On a recent Thursday afternoon the Hobby Club was busy in one alcove; a knitting class in another alcove; and in a third room, a "Mini College" class was in session.

There was a group of seniors playing cards, another having a committee meeting, and several men were playing pool. Two or three were watching TV. The Agawam Senior Center is a busy place, but large enough to provide plenty of room for relaxation.

The Library Center has a supply of donated books and books on loan from the Agawam Library. A new color TV (with cable) has recently been installed in the library alcove. The center's busy activities director also plans certain fundraising activities to augment the center's limited budget. It was from these funds that the TV was purchased for everyone's enjoyment.

Those at the center have tried to present a composite of what the center offers the senior citizens of Agawam. It is quite special and the staff encourages you to take advantage of the opportunities and services offered. If you can't come in and "see for yourself" the phone number for information is 786-0400, extension 242. The center exists for Agawam seniors.

The Senior Center building also houses the offices of the Agawam Housing Authority on Wright Street and is adjacent to Meadowbrook Manor. It is also where seniors play bingo on Saturday night.

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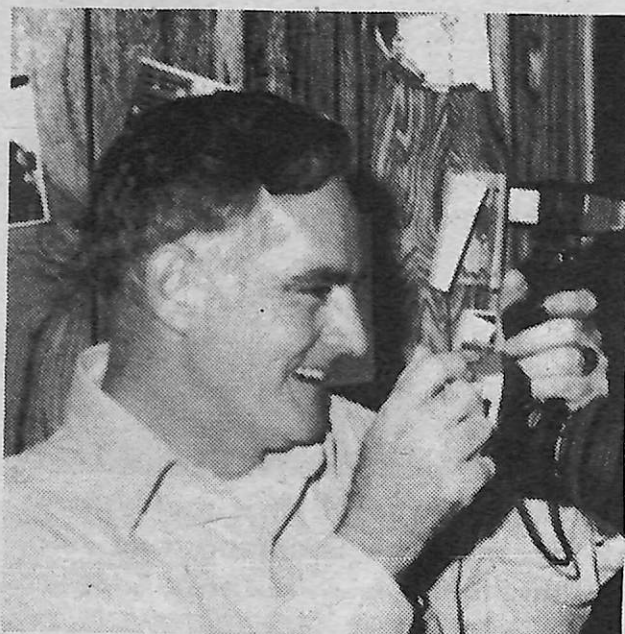
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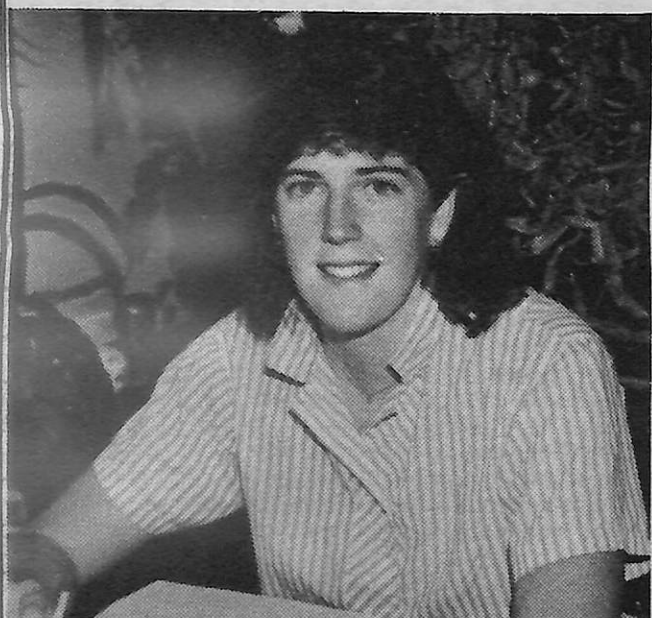
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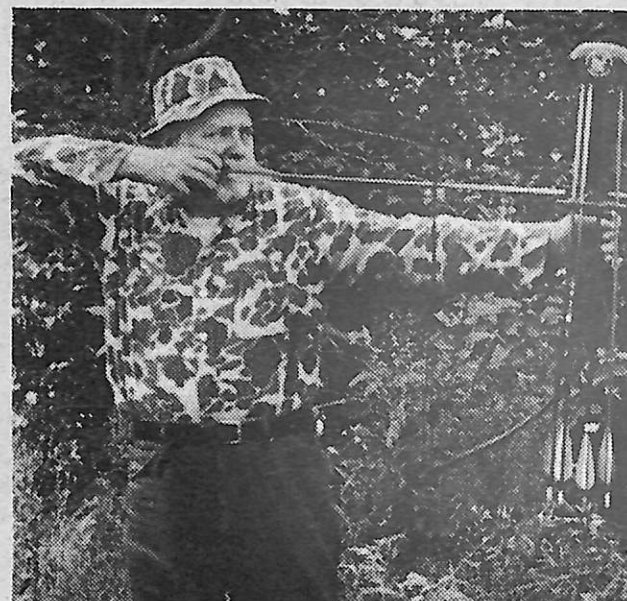
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**SUPERVISING THE STORAGE OF BOOKS** at the Agawam High School library are head librarian Charlotte Shimel, Cathy Przeszlo, Lee Goodreau, and Jeff Smith. The student library staff consists of 37 members. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**STUDENT LIBRARY STAFF MEMBERS**, from left - Cindy Noyes, Martha Patnaude, Dawn Fleury, and Kim Benjamin, check-out books. Besides this, staff members also perform many other tasks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Student Aides Assist Agawam High Library

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Thirty-seven members strong, the Agawam High School library staff is comprised of responsible, hard-working students in grades 10-12.

Under the direction of head librarian Charlotte Shimel, staff members perform a variety of duties which allows the library to run smoothly and efficiently.

Some of these include stamping out and checking in books, filing cards, aiding students with the card catalog and reader's guide, and updating the new books listing.

Mrs. Shimel points out that staff members also compile a computerized list of students present in the library during a given period. This list is then taken around to study halls so that students' whereabouts can be confirmed.

### Perform General Errands

Moreover, she reports that when not putting away books and magazines, staff volunteers also perform general errands.

Mrs. Shimel explains that the only prerequisite for library staff acceptance is a desire to work during study periods and the maintaining of good grades.

However, she states that any member who abuses privileges and misbehaves is immediately removed from the staff.

The 13-year librarian notes that only two or three staff members are usually on duty during a class period. She says that this number is adequate since only 35 students are allowed to use the library at a given time.

Instead of having to procure library passes from teachers as in years past, students now need only to sign-up a few days in advance for whichever period they would like to visit the library.

As a means of maintaining discipline, a "boot list" is kept to name students whose library privileges have been revoked due to misbehavior.

Mrs. Shimel states that first-time offenders lose their privileges for two weeks; second, for one month; and third, for the remainder of the year.

She points out that the new library's larger size has been an asset for staff members. Instead of having to discard books to make room for newer additions, the new facility's ample space allows books to be kept until they are completely worn out.

"It's a great feeling not having to throw books away simply because there isn't enough room to store them. We now have room for all the books we'll ever desire," remarks Mrs. Shimel.

The five-year facility can also accommodate more people, which is conducive to classroom research. She notes that this is an important feature since the library caters to academic courses being taught at AHS.

With approximately 16,000 books in stock, theft is the librarian's biggest concern.

Mrs. Shimel reports that the minimum cost to replace a non-fiction book is \$40, while fictions start at \$15.

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## FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

### March Of The Lions

March roared into Western Massachusetts like a lion this week. At its worst, it can only stay a month, but there may be other lions who live here year-round - real, live lions, but ones who do not roar.

I'm talking about mountain lions or "panthers," if you come from the central states; "painters" if you're a southeasterner. Some call them "cougars." Or "pumas". Confused? You should be.

Lots of folks answer to several names. I'm "Kay" to my friends and readers (I make slight distinction between the two). I'm "Kathy" to my family (and ONLY to my family).

The kids I teach call me "Mrs. K." Were I to hear someone calling, "Mrs. Kudlinski" on the street, I'd probably look around for my mother-in-law, but that's actually me, too. Legally, I'm "Mrs. Kathleen Veenis Kudlinski."

Scientists have assigned a legal name for every animal, too. The mountain lion-panther-cougar-painter-puma is technically called "Felis concolor." Hearing that one name, a scientist from any part of this country, or from any other country in the world, pictures exactly the same cat.

My legal name reveals my family, plus my special

characteristics. I am the Kathleen of the Veenis family who married a Kudlinski. (the best move of my life).

Felis concolor is of the family "Felidae", cats with small, rounded ears and shortish faces. Concolor reveals that it's the only cat in its range without spots.

Felis tigris is the tiger. Why not just say "tiger?" Because in South America, jaguars are called "el tigre," "the tiger." One cat has spots, the other stripes, but their nicknames are the same; not their legal names. Felis onca is **always** spotted.

Felis concolor, the "unspotted" Eastern Mountain Lion, has been spotted in central Maine. It seems to be breeding there, though scientists do not know if it is a remnant from the original lion population, or a group of wanderers who have marched back into their original range.

They may even have moved southward into Western Massachusetts.

The lions know who they are - they need no scientific name to identify each other. Felis concolor makes as wide a range of sounds as it calls for mate or territory as your house cat does (Felis domesticus, of course), though neither cat has a true roar.

While March weather roars through the Western Massachusetts hills and mountains, mountain lions may be screaming back.

Listen for them. The long, piercing cry that slowly raises every hair on your body is the call of an old, and respected Massachusetts family.

#### PUBLISHER'S NOTE:

If you have a question about nature that has you stumped - or just intrigued, drop me a line at *The Advertiser News*. I'll explore the topic in a future Naturalist column.

## Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 11th:** Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, March 12th:** Toasted bologna and cheese sandwich in roll, buttered peas and carrots, potato chips, peach crisp, milk.

**Wednesday, March 13th:** Apple juice, hamburger in buttered roll, cheese fingers, buttered mixed vegetables, mustard, relish, ketchup, steamed rice, jello with topping, milk.

**Thursday, March 14th:** Hamburg and gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, dinner roll, rolled wheat apple squares, milk.

**Friday, March 15th:** Chicken soup, 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks and celery sticks, cheese fingers, ice cream, milk.

## Renee LaCour Named To WNEC Dean's List

Resident Renee LaCour of 84 Meadowbrook Road, a student at Western New England College, was named to the 1984 fall semester Dean's List, according to an announcement by Allan W. Bosch, vice president for academic affairs.

LaCour, a sophomore accounting major, received a 3.14 grade point average last semester.

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According to her, theft and vandalism are the two most widespread means by which students hurt themselves. She notes that students desire magazines and books which feature cars, motorcycles, and rock music most.

Unfortunately, these same books and magazines are continually stolen or vandalized, therefore they are no longer ordered.

Besides buying books and ordering supplies, Mrs. Shimel is responsible for supervising students visiting the library. Ideally, a professional librarian should be in attendance for every 500 students using the facility.

#### Future Goals

Consequently, one goal of hers is to someday have another professional librarian assigned to the staff.

"With two professionals working, we could expand our services to students. Library skills could be taught, which would be invaluable to those preparing for college," she comments.

Another future goal is the addition of a glass-enclosed, sound-proof room, where large groups of students could work without disturbing or being disturbed by other library visitors.

As with most department heads, Mrs. Shimel would like to see additional library funding so that cassettes, records, and filmstrips could be purchased for school-wide use.

In the meantime, the chief librarian is grateful for all the assistance her volunteer staff provides.

"My staff is basically a good bunch of kids and I'm happy I've got them," she declares.

## Sister Joyce Wise To Speak At Clark P.T.O.

Sister Joyce Wise, SSJ, probation officer for the Springfield District Court, will be the guest speaker at the evening meeting of the James Clark P.T.O. on Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:00 p.m.. Her topic will be "Youth and Parenting."

All other P.T.O.s from the Agawam schools are welcome to attend. There will also be a morning meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Also, please buy your tickets for the Spring Dance on Saturday, March 23rd, and reserve your table. Tickets will be on sale at both meetings.

Also, members are reminded not to forget to return nomination papers.

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## Indian Exhibit To Open At Museum

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Among the artifacts on display will be effigy figures, stone bowls, catlinite pipes, dolls, pottery, tools, baskets, beautiful examples of beadwork, and a Plains Indian headdress decorated with eagle feathers. These and many other objects will show the Indians' use of stone, clay, plants, animals, metal, glass, and modern materials.

Each section of the exhibit will be supplemented by pictures selected from the 20-volume set of photogravures by the famous Edward S. Curtis. Curtis was a photographer and ethnographer of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, who traveled among the Indians and took pictures in an effort to recapture and preserve Native American culture before it was totally annihilated.

Although he took some liberties in his presentation, the Curtis photogravures provide remarkable documentation of long-forgotten Indian life.

Accompanying the exhibit will be background music of recorded Indian ritual and social songs including prayers and a sun dance.

In conjunction with "Mother Earth/Father Sky," the planetarium will present "The People," a program of Indian sky lore. This colorful presentation retells many Indian legends about the wonders of the natural world and man's relation to it.

The "Mother Earth/Father Sky" exhibit can be seen at the Science Museum through April. The museum is located on the Quadrangle in downtown Springfield.

For further information, call 733-1194.

## "Patch The Pony" Teaches Kids' Safety

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Safety against strangers was stressed to children in grades K-5 as they witnessed two filmstrips sponsored by the Agawam Police Department in conjunction with the School Department, March 4th to 9th.

"Patch the Pony" and "Better Safe Than Sorry," two 20-minute productions, were shown at each of the town's elementary schools, under the direction of Agawam Police Safety Officer Sergeant Al Longhi.

Sergeant Longhi explains that "Patch," which has been shown for the past six years, is aimed at students in grades K-3.

The brown and white pony helps combat the problem of children being lured or enticed by strangers through educating the kids to never talk to, accept anything from, or go with any stranger, regardless of how often he is seen.

Throughout the film, students listened to the safety rule "Nay, Nay From Strangers Stay Away," which they were asked to recite at the program's conclusion.

Moreover, each student was presented a "Patch the Pony" bookmark imprinted with the safety slogan as a memento of Sergeant Longhi's visit.

### "Better Safe Than Sorry"

Taking the above program's message one step further, students in grades four and five viewed "Better Safe Than Sorry."

The filmstrip discussed how to tell the difference between good and bad "touches," how to keep them from happening, and what to do if they do occur.

After discussing strangers in general, students were told that it is alright to say no to someone you don't know, even if they are an adult.

They were also advised to get away if a situation seems strange or dangerous, and to tell someone they trust about the incident.

These three safety rules, "say no, get away, and tell someone," were reinforced throughout the film as well as at its conclusion.

Another message the film conveyed was that sometimes people you know, such as a neighbor or relative, may try to touch them in a bad way.

As a means of differentiating between bad and good touches, youngsters were told that bad touches generally leave them with a "yukkie" feeling, whereas good touches, like kisses and hugs from parents, leave them with a warm feeling.

### Cautioned Not To Feel Guilty

Children were cautioned not to feel guilty if someone touches them. Rather, guilt lies with the adult and it is never the kids' fault.

Sergeant Longhi reports that this is the second year "Better Safe Than Sorry" has been shown to local school children. Borrowed from the Chicopee Police Department, the film is a worthwhile means of reinforcing the lessons already learned in the "Patch" filmstrip, he states.

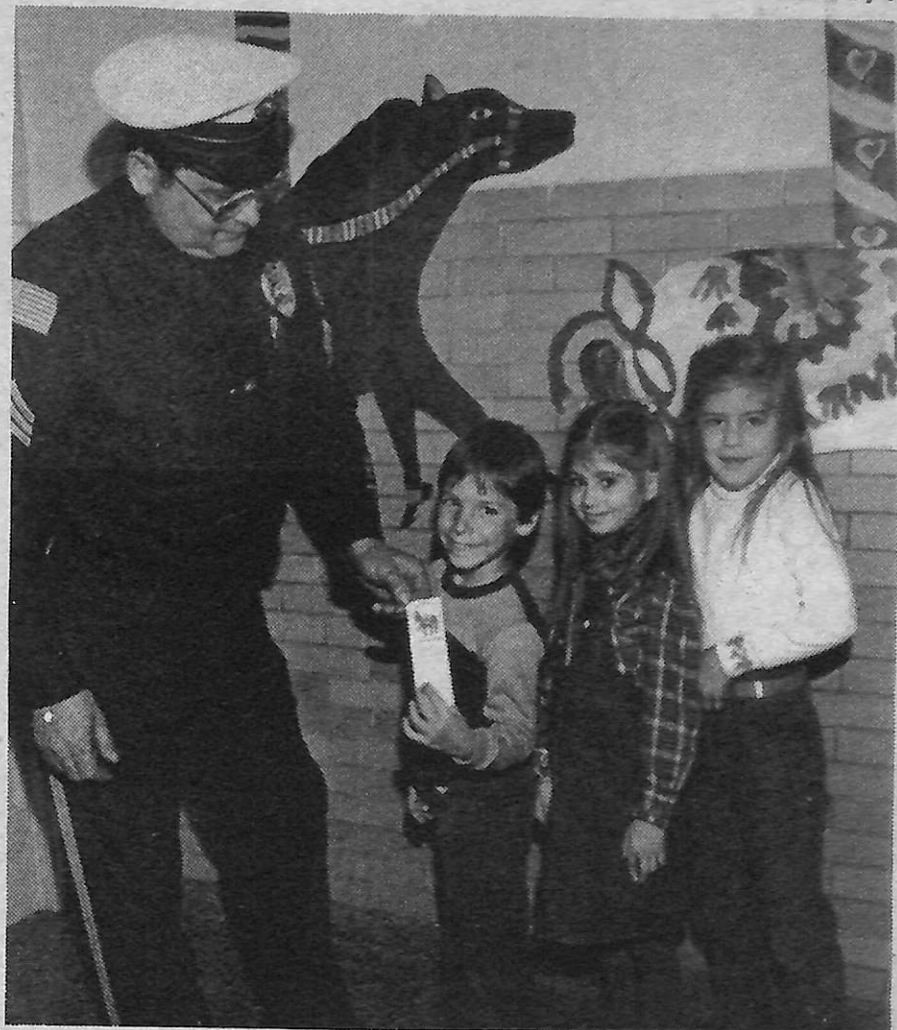
The veteran safety officer points out that spring is traditionally the time of year when strangers are found lurking around school yards, neighborhoods, and bus stops.

"With the good weather coming and more children out playing, parents should reinforce the importance of not associating with strangers," he warns.

Sergeant Longhi is hopeful parents will take the time to discuss strangers and touching at home with their children.

"With more and more cases of child abuse and molesting being reported daily, it is never too early to make children aware of these important safety rules," he declares.

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**PHELPS SCHOOL STUDENTS BEING made aware of the annual "Patch The Pony" program, in conjunction with the Agawam Police Department and Agawam School Department,, are, from left -Kyle Rossi, Tracy Landry, and Sharon Chicklas. Giving the kids the information is Police Sergeant Al Longhi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

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## Miss Lester & Miss Martin Selected To All-New England

Agawam High School will be represented by two students in the All-New England Music Festival which will be held at Waterford, Connecticut on March 7th-8th-9th.

Sarah Lester will play trumpet in the All-New England Orchestra and Melissa Martin will play bassoon in the All-New England Band. Selection to the New England Honor Groups is made on the basis of a competitive solo performance in Lowell during December. This event saw over 2,000 students auditioning for positions.

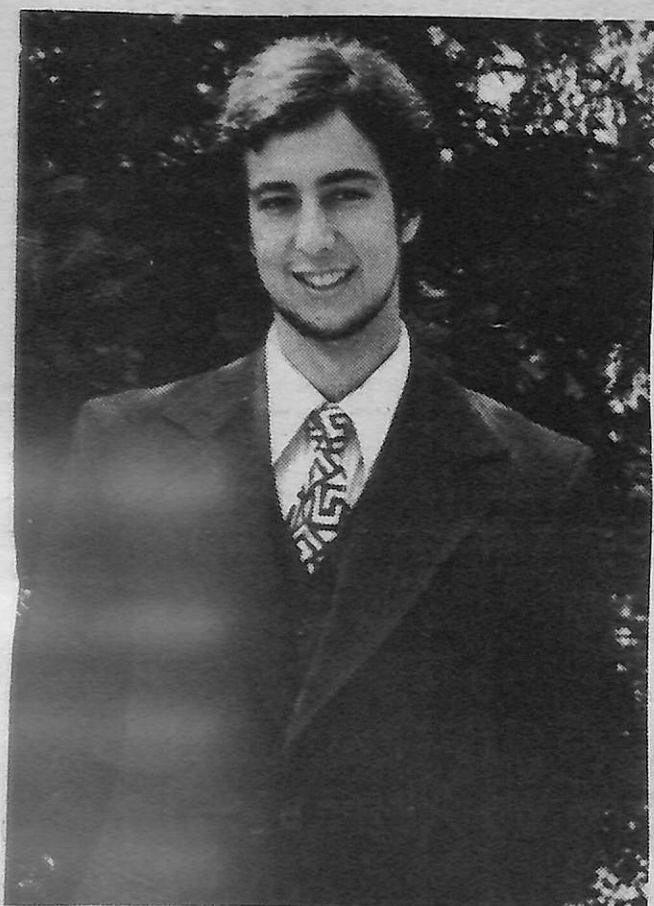
Students will assemble for two days of intensive rehearsal in preparation for a concert on Saturday, March 9th, featuring an honor band, orchestra and chorus, representing a large number of high schools from throughout the New England area.

Both Sarah and Melissa are sophomores at Agawam High School and also play with the Springfield Young Peoples Symphony Orchestra, in addition to their school organizations. Sarah was also a member of All-New England Band last year and was featured in a solo selection at the concert.

The New England Honors Group represents another step in a series of events that start with the Western Massachusetts District Festival, and provide an opportunity for exceptionally talented students to meet and combine with others of equal talent. The Honor Regional Groups provide both stimulation and recognition for these students.



**ALL-NEW ENGLAND BAND MEMBERS** Sarah Lester (left) and Melissa Martin (right) are congratulated by Agawam High School officials John Morrissey (principal-left) and Darcy Davis (director of music). The two students will be performing in Waterford, Connecticut, on March 7th-8th-9th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**CRAIG M. ROVELLI**

## Craig Rovelli Receives FSU Masters Degree

In December 1984, Craig Michael Rovelli of 79 Lincoln Street, Feeding Hills, received a Masters of Science Degree in applied statistics from Florida State University.

He was fortunate enough to complete three semesters of graduate study through the grant of an assistantship from FSU in Tallahassee, Florida.

His assistantship duties included work with assigned professors from the department of statistics and assistance with their undergraduate "stat" students.

While in Florida, he was able to spend time with his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rovelli in West Palm Beach, and visit Disneyworld and the Epcot Center.

Mr. Rovelli's undergraduate study was accomplished at American International College with transfer to Western New England College, obtaining requirements for a B.S. Degree with a major in quantitative methods. Throughout his graduate and undergraduate study, he maintained a dean's list average.

He is a 1978 graduate of Agawam High School and is one of three sons of Smith and Barbara Rovelli. His brother, Todd, is a senior at Dartmouth, and Jeff is a junior at the University of Hartford. It is not unusual for the three to be heard in the area providing music together. Craig is a regular organist at Mt. Carmel Church in Springfield and recently has been covering United Methodist in West Springfield, Soldiers Home in Holyoke, and St. Stanislaus in Chicopee.

Craig has accepted a position with Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company of Ludlow, as its power management technician. MMWEC deals with short and long term forecasting of area power usage and handles the acquisition and sale of power for many communities.

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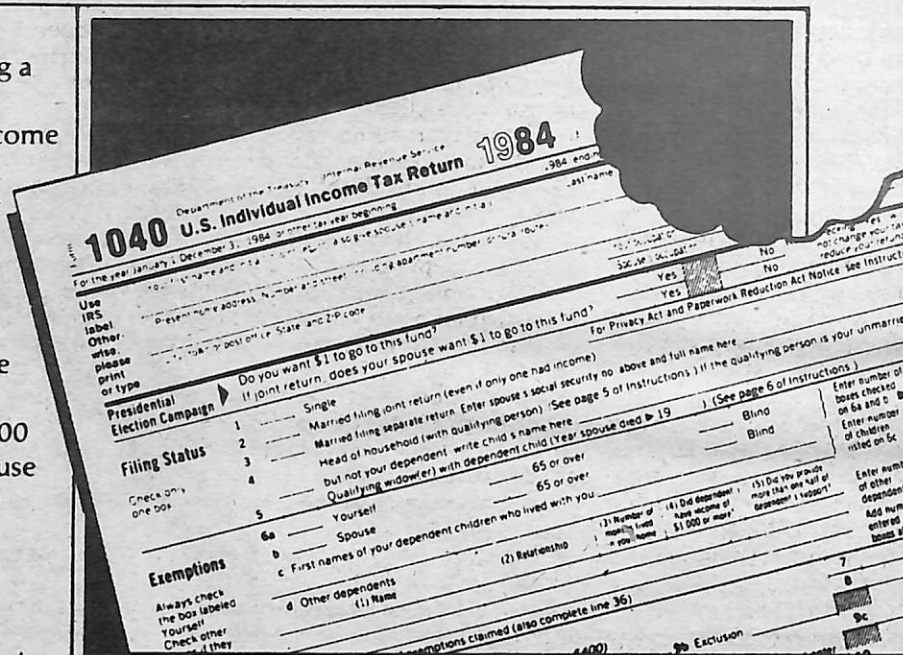
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## Arts

### South African Setting Provides Compelling StageWest Drama

by Phil Benoit  
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Athol Fugard's *Master Harold...and the boys*, the latest play to be produced by StageWest, is a compelling drama that demands a great deal of patience from its audiences. But, if you give the story a chance, you'll be thoroughly rewarded in the end.

The year is 1950, and the setting is the St. George's Park Tea Room in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The establishment's employees are two black men named Sam (Mike Hodge) and Willie (Stephen McKinley Henderson) who have been the lifelong friends of Hally (Andrew Hill Newman), the Caucasian, teenage son of the restaurant's owners.

At the beginning of the play, which takes place on one rainy afternoon, the tearoom is devoid of customers. Sam and Willie are talking about an upcoming ballroom dance contest while setting the tables, and Hally sits at one of these tables to do his homework.

However, the three of them don't put much effort into their respective duties. Instead of finishing what they set out to do, Sam, Willie, and Hally kill time by kidding around with each other and rehashing old experiences which they have shared.

#### Tranquil Afternoon Eventually Marred

Unfortunately, this lazy, tranquil afternoon is eventually marred. A telephone call from Hally's mother tells him that his father is about to come home after a stay in the hospital. This news disturbs the youth because his father is a crippled man who does nothing but use part of the tearoom's meager earnings to buy alcohol.

When Hally berates his dad after talking on the telephone, Sam says that it's wrong for anyone to talk badly about his or her father. But, rather than heeding the older man's opinion, the teenager tells Sam that a black man has no right to criticize a white one, and this anger-charged statement creates a possibly irreparable rift in their friendship.

*Master Harold...and the boys*, which runs until March 24th, is not the kind of play that is quick to put you on the edge of your seat. Besides having no intermission during its approximately 100-minute length, its first hour has few moments of actual dramatic tension.

At last Saturday's performance, a couple of nearby theatergoers were so uninterested in what was happening on the stage that they walked out around the show's halfway point.

Though I can understand why people would want to leave the theater before the play's finish, I feel sorry for anyone who does walk out because the last 15 minutes or so of *Master Harold...and the boys* pay us in full for our waiting.

During these latter minutes of the story, the drama becomes a harrowing examination of the nature of racial prejudice and a hard-hitting commentary on apartheid South Africa, an environment in which the relationship between whites and blacks is strained at best, and violent at worst.

The playwright, Athol Fugard (a white South African himself), based the script on an event in his own life, and the character of Hally is a representation of Fugard at a younger age.

In Hally, we see how bigotry is usually a product of environment, instead of personal choice. As a child, this person befriended Sam and Willie without thinking of them as black people.

However, Hally is now entering manhood, and the innocence of childhood is leaving him. He's starting to feel superior to these two men because most white South Africans behave this way toward their black countrymen.

This attitude of Hally's does not represent a conscious decision, but, rather, an influence of a prejudiced society.

For director Jim O'Connor and the cast, StageWest's production of *Master Harold...and the boys* is a reunion. According to an article by Ronni Gordon in last Thursday's *Springfield Morning Union*, the four of them did this play last October at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. Knowing this information, I can see why O'Connor's fine direction is able to bring life to the story's slowest moments and to make its powerful ones even more memorable.

The actors, meanwhile, also benefit from this familiarity with the drama. Having played their roles before, they bring a richer awareness of their characters to StageWest, and this quality is most apparent in each of their equally outstanding performances.

#### Victim Of His Environment

Newman's portrayal of Hally turns the character into a pitiful person, instead of a dislikable one. A victim of his environment as well as an unhappy homelife, the teenager is at first insensitive to the hurt that he causes. But, he soon feels the pain of his own action, thus deserving sympathy rather than scorn.

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ANDREW HILL NEWMAN and Mike Hodge in a scene from StageWest's production of Athol Fugard's *Master Harold...and the boys*. The play runs until March 24th and our theatre critic, Phil Benoit, highly recommends it.

### Marching Mohawks To March In Holyoke

In addition to the regular St. Patrick's Parade in Holyoke on Sunday afternoon, March 17th, the Agawam High Band and Color Guard have been asked to perform on Saturday morning, March 16th, for the start of the weekend activities in Holyoke at the Annual Road Race, at 11:00 a.m.

As a special highlight of the parade activity, the Marching Mohawks have also been informed that they will be one of three bands from the 40 parade bands, who are invited to stop at the judges/TV reviewing stand and present a special performance upon reaching that point.

In past years, other groups, such as the "Mummers" and The Boston College Band, along with some of the professional drum corps, have been featured. This will be one of the first times a high school band from the local area has been invited to do this.

The band and color guard will also send a group to the Better Living Center at Eastern States Exposition Grounds on Tuesday afternoon, March 19th, to take part in the official opening ceremonies of the Home Show that will be starting that day. A small, selected group will do the honors on that day since there will not be room for the entire unit at that event.

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# Locals Shine In Bay Path's *Dames At Sea*

by Phil Benoit  
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

If you're hungry for fast-paced entertainment that's both frivolous and funny, then Bay Path Junior College's production of *Dames At Sea* will satisfy your appetite.

The play, which ran last Friday and Saturday, has three more performances this weekend: Friday (March 8th) at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday (March 9th) at 2:00 p.m., and at 8:00 p.m. All shows are in Mills Theatre in Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus.

*Dames at Sea*, with book and lyrics by George Haimsohn and Robin Miller, and music by Jim Wise, is a musical parody of the film *42nd Street*. Set in the early 1930's, it takes a whimsical look at the world of Broadway.

In the story, a production titled *Dames at Sea* is about to open when its producer, Hennesey (Steven Vigurs), learns that the theater in which it's supposed to be performed is about to be torn down. A naturally grumpy individual, Hennesey is made even more upset by this news because the quick closing of *Dames at Sea* would represent his 13th Broadway flop.

Fortunately, a sailor named Dick (Steven Devaney of Feeding Hills) provides the troubled producer with a solution to his problem. Since the play has a nautical theme, he suggests that it be staged on a battleship that's docked nearby. Desperate for a way to save his show, Hennesey takes an immediate liking to the sailor's idea.

## Personal Problems Interfere

While things are underway to open *Dames at Sea* on the ship, Dick is undergoing a couple of personal problems. In addition to trying to fulfill his dream of becoming a famous songwriter, he finds that he's the target of two women who have romantic intentions.

One is Ruby (Ana Schwartz), a girl from Dick's hometown of Centerville, Utah, who has come to Broadway in the hope of becoming a big-name singer and dancer. The other is Mona Kent (Laura Stuart), the irascible and conceited star of Hennesey's musical and a femme fatale who is used to getting what she wants.

This Bay Path production is one of the most visually impressive shows that I've seen in a while. The striking sets by scene designer David Jones employ a number of technical devices, including the use of projected light on a cloth screen to create silhouette images.

Susan Huck Meeske's colorful costumes also contributed to this impressiveness by capturing the flavor of the eye-catching clothing worn by dancers in Busby Berkeley's old-time musicals.

Other technical aspects that deserve praise are the choreography and the musical direction.

Choreographer Joey Calabrais of Feeding Hills made each of the dance numbers run with smooth precision, and musical director Judy Brown kept the orchestra's performance at an even tempo with the singers.

*Dames at Sea* is a flamboyant musical comedy that requires a consistently high level of energy to keep it afloat, and producer-director Paul Norton is able to accomplish this goal.

In addition to never letting the pace slacken for a moment, he manages to get vigorous performances from each of his cast members.

In the role of a sarcastic, yet kindhearted dancer named Joan, Sherry Brown is memorable. This character is a friend to Ruby and an adversary to Mona Kent, but her best moments are when she is being pursued by an amorous and carefree sailor named Lucky (portrayed with devilish charm by choreographer Calabrais).

Devaney's performance as Dick is a carefully crafted blend of fine acting, singing, and dancing. He does the most well-rounded job in *Dames at Sea*, and this quality is especially evident in a number titled "Broadway Baby."

As Ruby, Schwartz provides a great deal of laughs with her mousey voice and gestures. During most of the play, this young actress dances with awkwardness to demonstrate her character's fledgling qualities.

But when Ruby has to perform an important dance during the story's climax, Schwartz lets her real talent shine through.

In the role of Mona Kent, Stuart is a delight. With her robust and exaggerated mannerisms, she makes a perfect comical vixen, and her witty cunningness is at its best in "The Beguine," a number in which she sings and dances with the battleship's captain (played with tongue-in-cheek humor by scene designer Jones).

Vigurs, who also serves as the production's technical assistant, gives a fine portrayal of the producer Hennesey. His cranky manner of speech is symbolic of the play's depiction of Broadway and provides some good comic moments.

*Dames at Sea* does have a couple of problems. Last Friday night, the women should have been louder in their singing, and the show's first act was not as fluid as the second. For the most part, however, this production deserves much critical praise and does Bay Path proud.

**\*PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** For ticket information and reservations, call Bay Path Junior College at 567-0621 and ask for the box office. Please call on weekdays between 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## Brage-Iduna Lodge Plans Scandinavian Dance

The third Scandinavian Dance and Fun Night will be sponsored by Brage-Iduna Lodge No. 9, Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American fraternal organization, on Saturday evening, March 9th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, in Feeding Hills.

Ed Hendela will furnish the music for popular dancing as well as the Scandinavian dances, such as: the hambo, schottis, waltz and Finnish polka.

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**MEMBERS FROM THE CAST of *Dames At Sea* now being staged at Bay Path Junior College. The cast includes Steve Devaney and Joe Calabraise, both from Feeding Hills.**

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As Sam, Hodge conveys the hurt of a person who's been betrayed. This character has always acted as a father figure for Hally, and he believed that he could prevent the youth from becoming a bigoted individual.

However, when Hally turns on him, Sam wonders if their relationship will ever be the same.

Though the role of Willie has less depth than those of Hally and Sam, Henderson is still able to make a powerful and memorable impression. His performance turns Willie into a good-natured fellow who projects an almost childlike kindness.

After Hally commits his act of bigotry, Willie's hurt is somewhat more intense than Sam's because of this childish aspect of his personality.

Despite its flaw in structure, *Master Harold...and the boys* is, thus far, the most emotionally stirring and provocative production of StageWest's '84-'85 season. Not only does it provide some enormously captivating drama, but it also gives us a couple of substantial ideas to think about.

## Laughing Brook Center Offers Gardening Course

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, will be offering a seven-session gardening course entitled, "WEED 'EM AND REAP," to be held on seven alternate Saturdays, beginning on March 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Reservations are required by March 13th.

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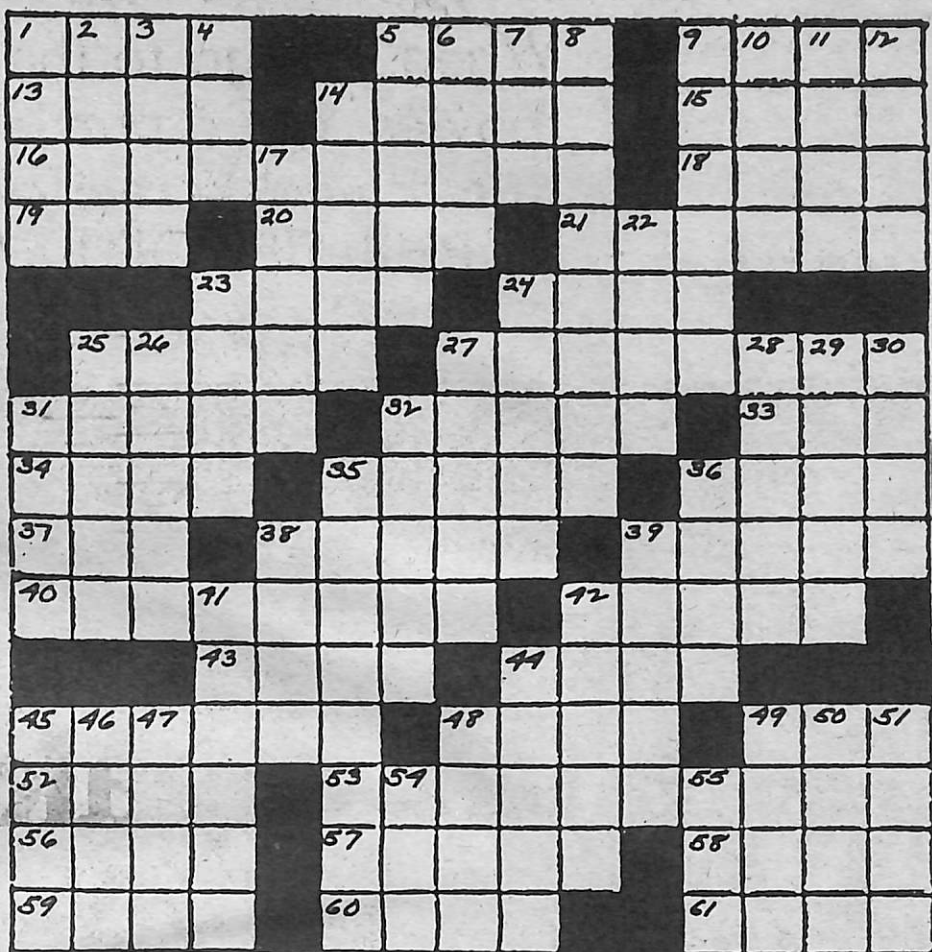
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1. Angels head ring?
5. German river
9. Footballer Fran to friends
13. Cupid
14. Got up
15. Famous garden
16. Famous hymn
18. German one
19. Measure
20. "Better—than never"
21. ....thru the tulips
23. Name
24. Orson Welles famous citizen
25. One in bondage
27. N.Y. musical hall dancer
31. Garlic bud
32. Mountain tops
33. Opted for office
34. To — or have not
35. Rings up
36. Injection for short
37. Mountain Indian
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39. Carries
40. Bases in a geological sense
42. Elan

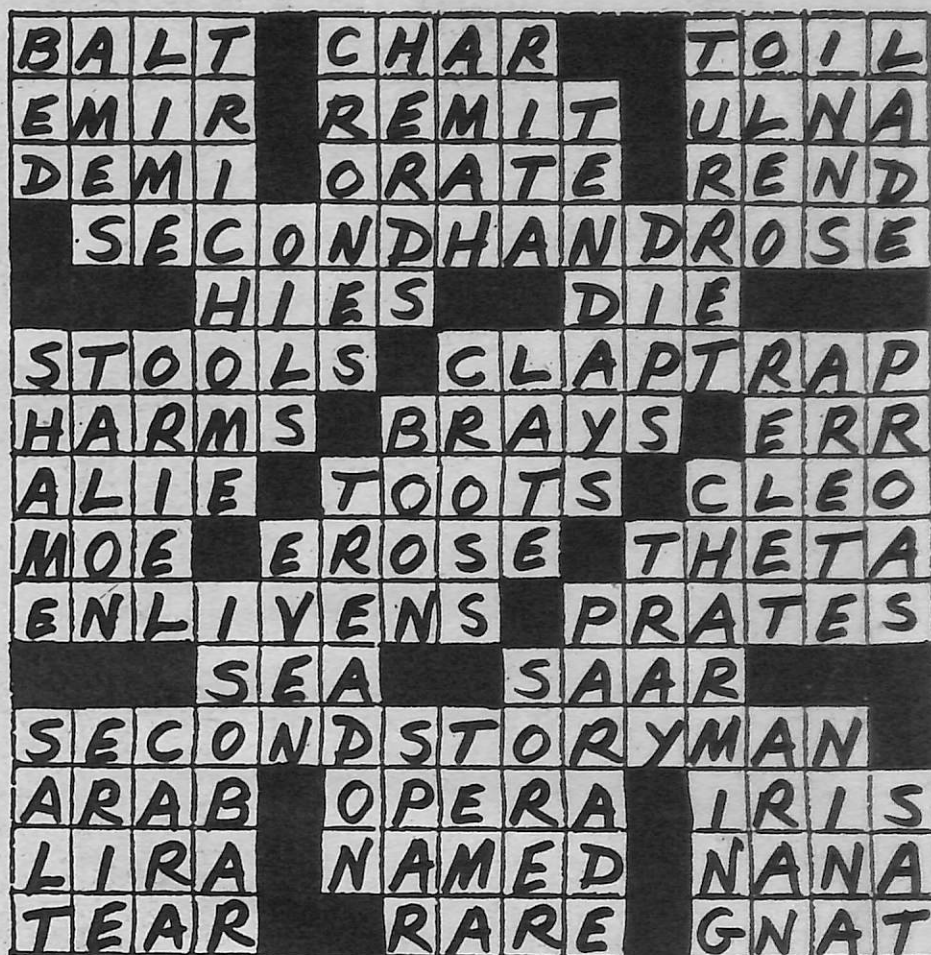
43. Confederate
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45. I — — whisper...
48. A — — able
49. Eggs
52. Roof overhang
53. Very strong
56. Continent
57. Auricled
58. Mrs. Chaplin
59. Kremlin people
60. "— Scott Affair"
61. Webs

## DOWN

1. Lyre-like instrument
2. Mine: French
3. Under — and Key
4. Where Mork came from
5. Declaim
6. Venitian magistrate
7. Compass heading
8. Piles up again
9. Indian tents
10. Mine entrance
11. Nevada city
12. Leg joint
14. — — worse than...
17. Miss Oyle
22. Writing liquids
23. Grotto
24. Bear-like marsupial
25. "Wipe the — clean (start over)
26. Adored
27. Peruses

28. Attempt: 2 wds
29. Candle
30. Son of Seth
31. River minnow
32. Funnyman Lee
35. Stated
36. Tennis star Lew
38. Vended
39. Entertainer Lopez
41. "— — a day in June"
42. "— — in the hand..."
44. Queried
45. Harken
46. Appease
47. Agog
48. Land measure
49. Chanter
50. Let out
51. Fem. names
54. Rowers tool
55. — voyage

# Last Week's Solution



## Historic Assn. To Meet March 19th

On Tuesday, March 19th, there will be a combined meeting between the Agawam Historical Association and Ramapogue Historical Association at the Mit-tineague Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield.

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**PHILM REVIEW**  
By Phil Benoit  
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Entertainment

**The Sure Thing: Another Hit From Actor-Turned-Director Rob Reiner**

As an actor, Rob Reiner will always be remembered as Archie Bunker's son-in-law, the "Weathead," on the now-classic television series *All in the Family*. But, as an up-and-coming director of feature films, he is known for last year's *This is Spinal Tap*, a witty parody of rock music and cinematic documentaries. This month, Reiner demonstrates his notable talent as a filmmaker once again by giving us *The Sure Thing*, a gentle, yet extremely funny romantic comedy that will appeal to young people and to those who aren't so young.

In this picture, a young man named Walter "Gib" Gibson (John Cusack) is not having a good first semester as a freshman at a small Northeastern college. Besides flunking English composition, he's having trouble finding a girlfriend.

One problem solved for Gib

However, by the time Christmas vacation rolls around, one of Gib's problems appears to have been solved for him. A telephone call from a friend attending college (in Southern California), informs our lone hero that there is a beautiful blond (Nicole Sheridan) who wants to meet him and is willing to provide some libidinal pleasure.

Anxious to meet this "sure thing," Gib grabs the first ride he can find that's heading for the west coast. But, sharing this ride with him is Alison (Daphne Zuniga), a young woman from his college who had rejected his romantic advances earlier in the semester.

After a mishap which occurs not long after their trip begins, Gib and Alison lose their ride and are forced to hitchhike the rest of the way. While they make their journey slowly but surely to the west coast, he tries to make a play for her once again, and she starts to think that maybe he'd make a better companion than the boyfriend (Boyd Baines) who's waiting for her in California.

*The Sure Thing* is not your typical film about teenagers and their conflicts with the opposite sex. Under Reiner's sure-handed direction, the plot ultimately becomes a genuinely compassionate story that deals with young people's feelings in a warm-hearted fashion.

Because of its tender qualities, this film can be enjoyed by older moviegoers who are used to conservative comedies of the *Animal House* mode. Speaking of *Animal House*, *The Sure Thing* does have a couple of scenes which contain raunchy humor. But, for the most part, the comedy in the movie relies on the differences in character between Gib and Alison, and the trouble which these differences cause to make us laugh.

Gib is a clownish guy who'll do and say things on the spur of the moment, and Alison is a prim and proper girl who's always on her best behavior. Near the start of their trip together, while in the car of the people giving them their original ride to California, they see a man's bare behind pressed against a window of a passing pickup truck.

Though Alison finds this act of "mooning" quite distasteful, Gib finds it downright hilarious and, thus, accuses her of having a poor sense of humor.

She tries to ignore his taunting, but he eventually gets her angry to the point where she takes off her blouse and brassiere and sticks her body out of her side window in order to prove that she's not the prude whom he thinks she is.

**Consequences Made Scene Funnier**

The unexpectedness of Alison's strip-and-expose act is the source of humor in the aforementioned scene. However, the scene is made even funnier by the two consequences of her impetuous and atypical behavior. First, a policeman stops the car that they're in and gives their driver a ticket. Second, Alison's mischievousness results in Gib and her being ousted by the driver and left to fend for themselves.

In the role of Gib, Cusack gives a performance that is lively and pleasantly unpredictable. Like Bill Murray (*Stripes*, *Ghostbusters*) and Tom Hanks (*Splash*, *Bachelor Party*), this young actor has lightning-quick comedic skills which enable him to give his character a quirky personality which is both intriguing and humorous.

Fortunately, Cusack has a likable screen presence, a quality which prevents Gib from turning into an obnoxious buffoon.

As Alison, Zuniga does a convincing job of gradually changing her character's personality.

At first, Alison is a strait-laced snob who doesn't like anyone who doesn't exhibit what she considers to be good manners. But, as the story progresses, she lets her hair down as she realizes that being too reserved can keep you from enjoying and experiencing life.

Because of this change, Alison becomes a pleasant



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person to be with, and Zuniga's naturally winsome demeanor is allowed to replace the stuck-up persona that she displayed in the early portion of the film.

Despite having some cliched plot developments, *The Sure Thing* is one of the best new movies around. Besides giving evidence to Reiner's growing skills as a director, the picture proves that a teenage comedy can work better with humor that's warmhearted instead of crude.

**\*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS: The Sure Thing** is rated PG-13 for some mature dialogue and situations.

Rating: 3 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

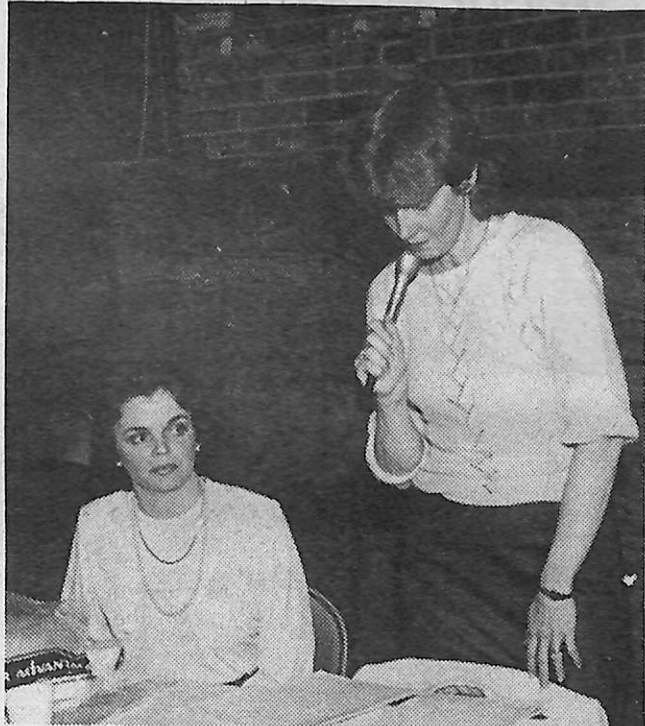
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# Sports

## Agawam AA Piranhas Hold Awards Banquet



**AGAWAM AA PIRANHAS** Swim Commissioner Irene Scalise calls out the names of award winners at the annual swim banquet held at the Polish American Club on Sunday, March 3rd. Looking on is Mary Paltz, assistant commissioner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION** sponsored Piranhas Swim Team receive stroke patches for their efforts during the 1984-85 winter season. From left - Jennifer Scalise, Judy Llewellyn, and Christine David. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Ingham Takes 3rd In New Eng. Wrestling

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Senior Al Ingham closed out his starry Agawam High wrestling career with style as he finished third in the heavyweight division of the New England Schoolboy Wrestling Tournament, held at Wayland High School last weekend.

Ingham, a two-time Western Mass. and State champion (a first for AHS), was defeated in the quarterfinals. He then rallied for victories in three consolation matches to place third.

Ingham was also third at last year's New England tournament.

"I was satisfied with where I finished. I knew the competition was going to be very tough and I did the

best I could," Ingham offered. "I had a good year, so I can't complain too much."

In his first round he pinned Mike Jackson of Rhode Island in 1:50. But in the quarterfinals, he engaged last year's 188-pound New England champion, Brett Chicco. Chicco moved up to the heavyweight division this year and proved to be equally as effective. He downed Ingham, 21-0.

"It was a very rude awakening for me since most of the matches this year I won on pins," said Ingham. "I knew he had done a number on the wrestler before me so I expected a tough match."

In the consolations, Ingham came back and in one match recorded the fastest pin of the tournament; in 22

seconds he sent Rhode Island's John Jones to the showers.

The semi-finals proved quite a challenge for Ingham when he faced Jim Curley of Westford, Massachusetts, the returning New England heavyweight champion. Ingham stormed out to an 18-2 lead before pinning Curley at 3:40.

In his final match, Ingham easily defeated Sean Colbeth, the Vermont State champion, 12-1.

"I felt I came away with some bragging rights after I recorded the tournament's fastest pin and beat the defending New England champion (Curley). "It would have been nice to win it all, but I'm happy with the way things turned out," Ingham noted.

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# AAA Boys Drop Tourney Game To Holyoke, 24-22

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was a disappointing way for the Agawam Athletic Association sponsored 5th-6th grade suburban boys' basketball team to end a most impressive 1985-86 season. The locals were narrowly defeated by Holyoke, 24-22 in the opening round of the Western Division playoffs on Saturday, March 2nd.

The two teams finished with identical, 13-3 regular season records, but the Agawam AA was fresh-off capturing the Wilbraham Invitational Suburban Tournament last week. The locals finished with an overall record of 19-4.

Under the direction of coaches John Hyland and Joe Corgan, the AAA played well the first three quarters of play, but felt the effects of losing top rebounders Dave Kozel and Chris McGrath in the key fourth period. Both players were sidelined with knee injuries.

In a low-scoring first quarter, Agawam held a 6-3 edge, thanks to a pair of baskets by Chris Corgan and one by Todd Hyland. Agawam held a 14-11 halftime lead.

A stall tactic by Holyoke only hurt their chances to take the lead as they held the ball for the first three minutes of the second half (and failed to score any points). Agawam was able to hit on just two field goals to extend their lead to 18-11.

"Since we were ahead, I saw no reason to press the ball. They weren't threatening to score so we just played right along with the stall," explained Hyland. "Unfortunately, we didn't score more than four points in the third quarter. If we had got hot, it would have really put them in a deep hole."

Holyoke came out on fire in the fourth quarter. They reeled off the first nine points to take a 20-18 lead, their first of the game. The teams then traded baskets with Hyland and Brett Boskiewicz each connecting. That made it 22-22 with time running out.

Agawam's inability to control their defensive boards allowed the Paper City quintet to score the game-winner with 30 seconds left. Holyoke threw-up three consecutive offensive rebounds before finally putting one in.

Agawam still has an opportunity to score on their next possession, but failed. They regained the ball with just a second left and time then expired.

Agawam's top point-getters were Corgan (8), Hyland (4), Mike Pelligrino (3) and John Battista (3). Bryan Conery also added a field goal.

The other players who made valuable contributions, especially in the defensive end, were Mike and Chris McElligott, as well as Benjie Ferris.

"I'm proud of the kids," said Hyland. "We never expected to do as well this year as we did. We had hoped to have a respectable season, but this was more than we could have hoped for (19-4 record, winners of Wilbraham Tournament)."

**AAA NOTES:** Hyland would like to thank several people and organizations that helped contribute to the success of their season: assistant coach Joe Corgan, ballboy Mike Corgan, the Agawam Athletic Association, and the Agawam Advertiser News.

## Annual Bike-Hike-Jog Slated In Longmeadow

You can help the Springfield Association of Life Underwriters, Inc., (S.A.L.U.) celebrate spring by participating in its 8th Annual Bike-Hike-Jog to benefit the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Longmeadow High School. Monies raised will be used to fund local programs including: help for asthmatic children and their parents; Better Breathers' Clubs for adults with chronic lung disease; Freedom From Smoking Clinics to help smokers quit; and school programs to help young people say NO to cigarettes and marijuana.

Anyone interested in showing support for Lung Association programs is welcome to participate by raising pledges per mile to be completed. The event is not an endurance test. The course is only 5 miles for hikers and joggers; 20 miles for bikers. Non-participants are encouraged to volunteer by calling the Lung Association prior to the event.

All participants will receive free gifts and refreshments courtesy of McDonald's, Aramatic Coffee Service and Dunkin' Donuts of West Springfield. The first 200 registrants will also receive a free sport's towel from Steigers.

Each individual can qualify to earn prizes ranging from cameras to TVs, to trips, to home gyms. Pledge books are available at all Steiger offices as well as at the Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield. It is not too soon to start raising pledges.

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# Worst Of Brownie Hoop Woes Over!

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The future of Agawam High boys' basketball looks bright! Brighter than what?

Certainly, it would appear the worst of three consecutive seasons of being blown-out and crumbling when a scarce victory did knock at the door, is coming to an end.

Included in this is a combined, 2-58 record over the 1983-1984 and 1985 seasons, and a dreadful losing streak of 55 consecutive games. Frankly, the program has nowhere to go but up.

The Brownies are losing just one senior. They will have experience in 1985-86 and can look to a new crop of freshmen pumping fresh blood into the program over the next few years.

This year's squad, under the direction of second year coach Peter Kowalski, finished 0-20. That's no secret. Comprised mostly of inexperienced juniors, the team struggled through their Valley Wheel schedule and again found the Springfield schools far too much to handle.

The Brownies' inability to draft a consistent starting lineup, partially due to several early season injuries, again put the season on shaky footing for the start.

"I think as the season winded down, the players were beginning to find themselves. Once the injuries were no longer a problem, we were able to try different combinations to find some type of consistency," Kowalski said.

The high points of an 0-20 year, of course, are few. But among them, according to Kowalski, was the players' upbeat attitude and hard work.

"The kids knew it was going to be difficult to stop the losing streak. That gnawed at them in the back of their minds. They came to practice each day and were ready to face the challenges," the coach noted. "The team seemed to be in more games this year than a year ago (also 0-20). We had a few chances to win, but we couldn't put it all together."

Probably the most heartbreaking loss for the Brownies came against Holyoke on February 14th. Trailing by as many as 15 points, they rallied to tie the

contest with 58 seconds remaining. But the locals went on to lose, 63-59. Still, it was one of their best efforts of the season.

Also, the Brownies gave tournament-bound Minnechaug (who last week knocked off Commerce) all they could handle, 62-52 and Westfield, 64-58.

Player-wise, the Brownies were led by junior Paul Fetherston. One of two returnees who had varsity experience, he was first in almost every category. He was tops in scoring (10.8), most minutes played (500), games played (20), rebounds (164), steals, and blocked shots.

Fetherston also scored career-high 18 points in two games.

"Paul was our most consistent player. He worked very hard and was a true team player. With his two years of varsity experience behind him, next season should be a great one for him," said Kowalski.

Junior center Paul Scoville was the only other experienced player on the team. Scoville was second in most statistics. An injury at the beginning of the season kept him sidelined during training and he got off to a very slow start.

He was second in rebounds, scoring average (9.4), minutes played (464). His best game on the offense was 17 points.

Rounding out the Brownies' top players are Dave Pemberton, Mike Chausse, and Tim Lockwood. All three saw plenty of hardwood action and did improve with playing time. This trio, along with Fetherston and Scoville, are returning next season.

Chausse and Lockwood handled the backcourt chores and proved to be good shooters from the outside. Chausse was third in scoring at an 8.8 clip and had a season-high 21 points vs. Chicopee Comp. Lockwood, just a sophomore, came on in the season's second half and has long range capability.

Pemberton led the team in free throw shooting at a 72.2 rate and was first in field goal percentage at 46.9. He averaged 7.0 points per game and enjoyed a season's high of 19 points.

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## AAA Girls' Hoop Remained Undefeated In 7th-8th Grade Play

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Athletic Association sponsored girls' 7th-8th grade suburban basketball team clinched the league championship with two recent victories. They also added an independent win to keep their record at a perfect, 18-0.

In league action, they easily disposed of Chicopee, 45-28 (February 27th), and then destroyed a hapless South Hadley squad, 59-15 (March 5th), upping their league mark to 15-0.

West Springfield was the victim of a 49-32 thrashing (on March 2nd) in the independent game.

The locals, coached by Bob Hersey and Mike Martin, have one league contest remaining. They will also be competing in the 17-field Chicopee Invitational Tournament at presstime.

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During the shellacking of South Hadley, offensive bursts from Cathy Scaggs, Lori Desimone, Traci Trudel, Jennifer Scaggs, and Karen Patterson, helped the AAA girls streak to a 20-0 lead just two minutes into the second quarter.

The locals had dominated play in period one, taking a 14-0 lead which saw every starter score.

A stifling, man-to-man full-court press held South Hadley scoreless during the opening period and well into the second. By the half, Agawam led, 24-8.

Defensive sparks came from Missy Brown, Missy DesRosiers, Alana Graham, Donna Grasso, and Tricia Rea. South Hadley was able to score just 7 second half points while the AAA blasted for 25.

In the win over Chicopee, Amy Fetherston proved a valuable resource as she played one of her best games of the season.

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Teams from both Massachusetts and Connecticut have been invited to the Chicopee Tournament. The AAA will be one of the youngest teams competing, but Hersey feels optimistic about their chances.

"Even though we're young, I think we may surprise some teams. The girls gained so much experience and confidence this year, that I'm sure it will carry-over to the tournament," he said.

The AAA's first round of play will be against the New North Rocketts on Saturday, March 9th, at 11:15 a.m., at the Stefanik School in Chicopee.

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## Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

### Uprising Over Gun Ruling

Paul Herig, director of the Wildlife Bureau, DEP of Connecticut, wishes to remind those persons applying for the 1985 state land deer lottery that the application deadline is March 15th. Herig notes that applications postmarked later than this date cannot and will not be entered into the lottery process. Those persons selected in the lottery will be notified by June.

Sportsmen are encouraged to obtain the 1985 Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Field Guide, now available in all town clerk's offices and many sporting goods dealers. The new "Field Guide" is pocket-sized to maximize convenience and durability. The outdated 1984 newspaper abstract should not be used as a guide for information on regulations and application procedures.

#### Fair Licensing Rally

Time and time again when I bring up the recent rulings by the Massachusetts Appeals Court about the legality of carrying a firearm, the indignant reply is "They Can't Do That! It's Unconstitutional!" Is it? On August 22nd, 1983, the court said, "There is no right under Article 17 of the Declaration of Rights of the Massachusetts Constitution for a private citizen to keep and bear arms..."

The Massachusetts Court of Appeals is the second highest court in the state. The highest court in the state

is the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Gun Owners Action League appealed to that court and the appeal was denied.

The judicial doors have been shut and locked in the gun owner's face. Now, we must knock on a different door - the door to our state legislature.

GOAL wants to change the law so that it is "fair and reasonable." That is to prevent criminal prosecutions of law abiding citizens and to bring this underhanded gun-grabbing to a **screeching halt**. It won't be easy. But it can be done.

Gun owners will start on Monday, March 25th, with a "Rally For Fair Licensing." They will meet at the State House in Boston at 9:00 a.m. sharp. There, the show of force will demonstrate to legislators, the public and the press, that gun owners will not roll over and play dead when the state is running roughshod over our rights! If your guns or your freedom are worth just one day's pay, be there on March 25th.

With your help, GOAL led the crusade against Question 5 in 1976 **and won**. If you stand united with other gun owners at the March 25th, "Rally For Fair Licensing," we will win again.

#### Reclaimed Our Freedom

If the rally is successful, the bid to pass the Fair Licensing Bill, (S.386) will be successful too, and we will have **reclaimed at least a part of our freedom**. Your license to carry firearms will be like it used to be - a license that covers **all lawful purposes**.

March 25th will make or break the future of private firearms ownership in Massachusetts.

The Hampden County Council of Sportsmen Clubs is hiring buses to take gun owners down to Boston. The cost per person is \$6. If you are interested in riding down in a bus, you may call George Pooler at 736-7573 for more information.

### Bay West Posts Back-To-Back Shutouts

Bay West's 2-0 victory over Springfield's top hockey team earned goalies Jeff McCarroll and Derek Egan their third shutout.

The first period saw some fast skating and hard checking but no score. Dan Poggi scored the first goal, unassisted, early in the second period.

Alan Pratte scored the second tally with just seconds left in the game.

Bay West was short-handed late in the game and Springfield pulled their goalie, but Pratt shot the puck from in front of his own net into Springfield's open net for this thrilling goal.

Excellent coaching from Rudi Porth, Al Altobelli and Derek Fuller, led to this victory.

Bay West's 6-0 victory over Westfield ensured the locals second place in Division II, and earned goalies Jeff McCarroll and Derek Egan their fourth shutout.

Two first period goals were scored. The first, by Eric Russ, was assisted by David D'Amario just two minutes into the game. Seconds before the period ended, Alan Pratte scored the second goal, assisted by Dan Poggi.

The first goal of the third period was scored by Poggi, assisted by Craig LaParrie.

The hard checking of Dave Noonan led to Craig Pinkerton's goal. Assists went to Brenden Blake and Russ. Blake scored goal five, assisted by Pinkerton. Pratte scored the last goal of the game, unassisted.

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## BC Takes Early Lead In Tri-Parish Bowling

After one week of rolling in the third and final round of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, Boston College (four wins) has taken over first place. Second round champs St. Louis is next (second place-four wins).

NELLIE SPARROW, subbing again for the wrist-injured DORIS KRZYKOWSKI of Southwick, rolled a 268 to get BC off on good footing over Catholic University (11th place-0 wins). The BC opened up the big guns with MIKE O'CONNELL JR., (341) and PAUL DEZIELLE (307) each leaving their opponents in the dust. And finally, BC captain BOBBY MOCCIO (371) returned to full form in demolishing CU captain JIM SNYDER (304). Poor Jim was quite distressed as his team continues to flounder.

St. Louis pounded Notre Dame (last place-0 wins), four games to none. St. Lou was able to annex first place in Round Two by virtue of some clutch rolling and much choking by St. Anselm, St. Michael, and Fordham in the late goings of the round.

Leading the way for St. Lou JOHN MLINEK (307) and RENEE JURY (318). Also, captain DEBBIE POIRIER has really found the mark as she launched a 333 at outgunned ND captain BILLY COLSON (314).

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St. Anselm, last year's grand champions (3rd place-3 wins) began the round in good form by defeating St. Mary (7th place-1 win), three wins to one. Popular Da Vinci's Restaurant hostess VENETTA SNYDER, just back from sunny Florida, was all vim and vigor with a 307 for the winners.

Then, in the mother-daughter battle, MICHELLE PISANO (292) had her best night of rolling since September by stopping her mom, GAIL BLAIR (287) to give St. A's more of an edge. RICHIE SNYDER then drew more blood for the winners with a 323-310 win over substitute AUDREY PHILLIPS (310). By the time St. Mary's captain FRED MORASSI could step-up, his team was well in the hole. He managed to avoid the sweep by getting the best of VI MASSOIA, 342-290.

Loyola (4th place-3 wins) stepped-on Holy Cross, three wins to one. Winning for Loyola was substitute captain STEVE ROVITHIS (341) and SHARON WRIGHT (297). HC captain JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY had a 314 and MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUHGLIN had a 301 in the losing cause. Maybeth defeated BRENDA HAMEL (284).

St. Michael (5th place-3 wins) outgunned Round One winners Villanova, three wins to one. Winners for St. Mike's were PAULINE DEPALO (260), STEP STEPHANIAN (289) and captain MIKE O'CONNELL SR., (339). Mike destroyed Villanova captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO, who didn't look very happy after absorbing another night of punishment and anxiety. His team hasn't been right since they won Round One November. Our jewelry expert, RON HAMEL, had a good night for Villanova, hitting a 308 in dropping JANICE MOCCIO (277).

Fordham (6th place-3 wins) stayed close to the front-runners with a three wins to one night over Georgetown (9th place-1 win). It wasn't the kind of start of the final round G-Town captain AL "The Fear-some One" MOCCIO wanted. His team rallied in Round Two but appear again to be mired in a trance. Big Al was defeated by still-brooding Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL, 329-315. Ann is most upset that her squad allowed St. Louis to "steal" Round Two from them.

Also winning for Fordham was KATHY CARVILL (253) and celebrity STEVE DEVANEY of Da Vinci's Restaurant (288). In a good battle, Fordham's STELLA BARBIERI (275) tied TONY DEPALO (275).

## Scuba Diving Lessons At Jr. High Pool

Scuba diving lessons will be offered at the Agawam Junior High School pool, beginning on Tuesday night, April 23rd, 25th, 30th, and May 2nd, 7th, and 9th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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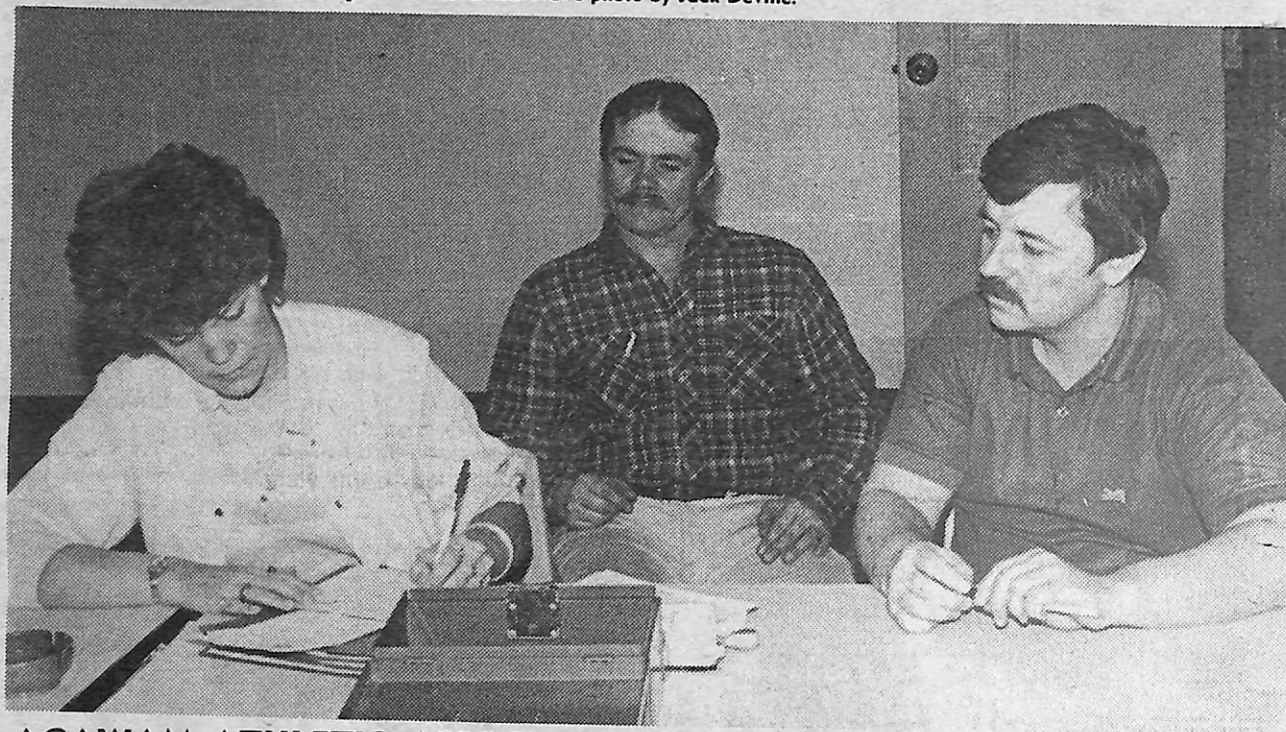
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## AAA Holds Baseball/Softball Sign-Ups

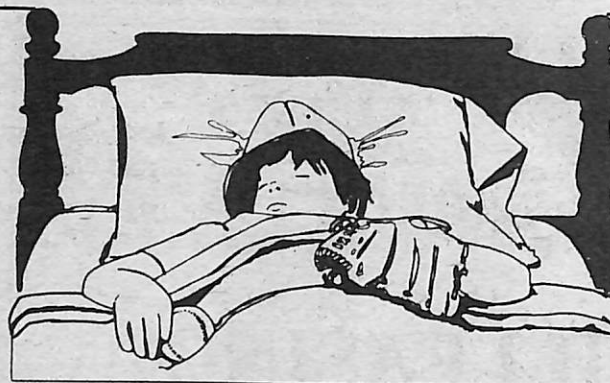


**SIGNING UP FOR THE AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION girls' softball league which will be getting underway in late April are Tara Brittain, 10 (left), and Karen Bottasso, 10.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION girls' softball commissioner Lee Lacienski fills-out a form at the baseball/softball sign-ups on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Agawam Junior High School. Trying to look busy are assistant commissioners Mark Brown (center) and Gary Labreck.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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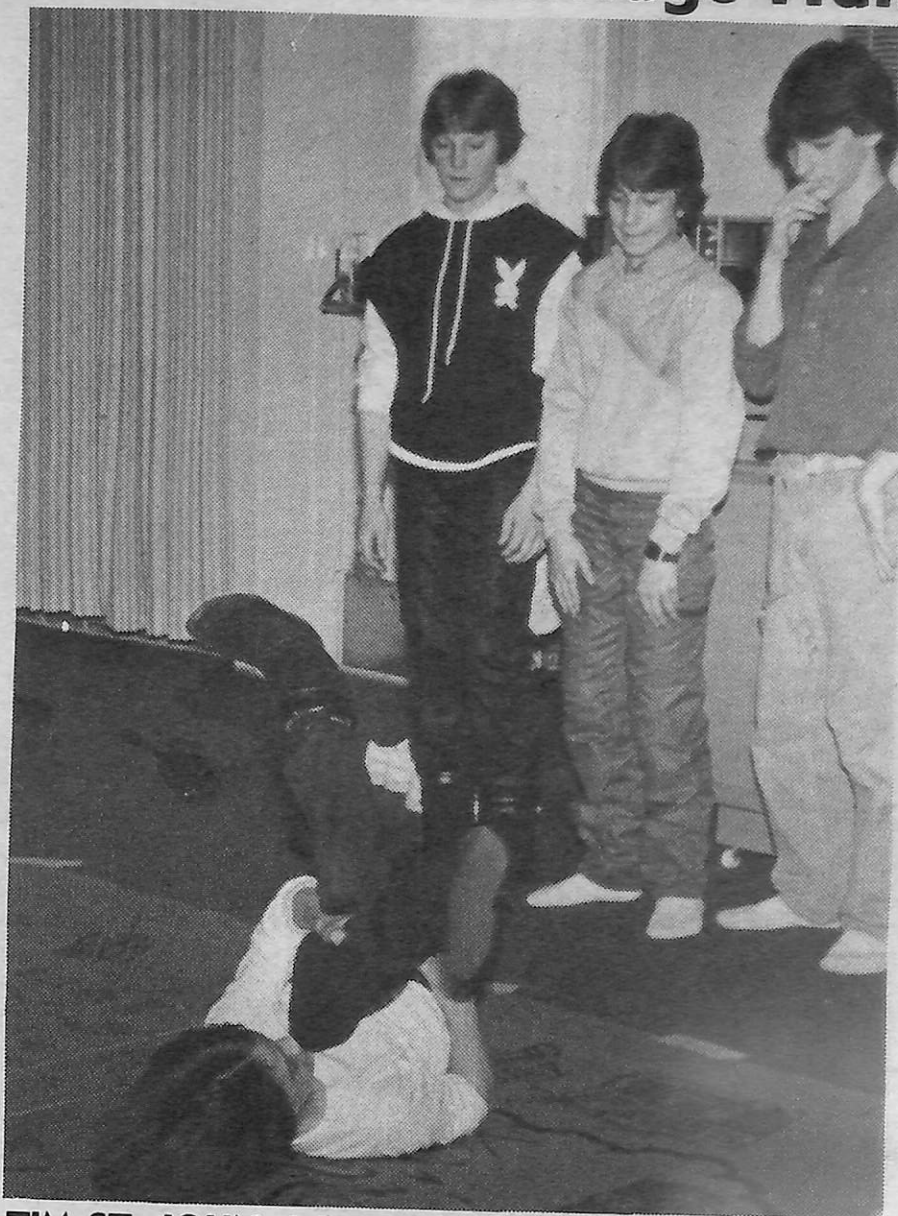
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# St. John's "Break Dancers" Entertain At Heritage Hall



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TIM ST. JOHN delighted senior citizens at Heritage Hall Nursing Home with his break dancing routine. Looking on are, from left - Scott Marks, Joe Buoniconti, and Doug St. John. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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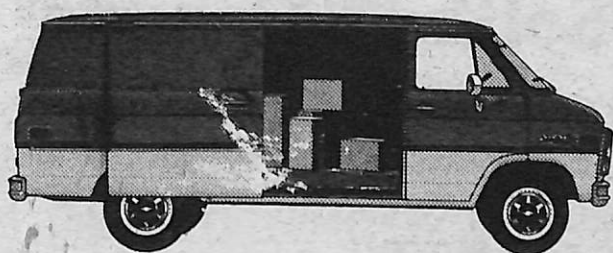
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Tickets can be purchased at the SC Athletic Office or at the door. The cost is \$2 per session, with a \$1 discount for students from participating schools.

Returning to defend their team title is Southern Connecticut, guided by U.S. Olympic Coach Abie Grossfeld. The Owls, winners of ten straight EIGL titles, have four of the top six all-around performers from the current EIGL rankings, including senior Scott Nadeau and sophomore Robin Artz.

The top-rated all-arounders in the competition are Tim Koopman of Temple and Gary Simon of Syracuse. Temple is expected to pose a strong challenge in the team competition along with East Stroudsburg and Navy.

Springfield's best hope is senior All-American Leo Doran, who is currently ranked second on the still rings with a 9.4 average. Doran won the still rings competition at last weekend's New England Championships with a 9.5 and hopes to qualify for the NCAA Division I Championships in that event. Others expected to fare well for coach Steve Posner's team include sophomore Brian Smith and junior John Lavallee.

Directing the meet is Springfield Coach Emeritus, Frank A. Wolcott, a professor of physical education and a member of the National Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

## Riverside Speedway Noted As Top Track

Riverside Park Speedway, a facility that is now recognized as New England's most successful quarter mile, has been cited as a key Nascar Winston Racing facility in New England.

Promotional manager, Ben Dodge Jr. and the Riverside team, were honored by Nascar for outstanding promotion of auto racing in the New England region for 1984.

To prove that the Riverside team was worthy of such an award, the management announces that Riverside will post \$250,000 in prize money throughout the 1985 Nascar Winston season. The 1985 Riverside season will consist of 20-plus events and will begin on April 6th with the Eagle Snacks 100.

Highlighting the 1985 season will be the Nascar Modifieds. The cars will compete with a regular Saturday format of 50 laps at the one-quarter mile paved facility. These events will pay a minimum of \$1000 for first; \$750, second; \$560, third; and at least \$150 for any car starting the feature.

Special events of 75 to 100 laps will pay \$1400 for first; \$1100, second; \$830, third; \$635, fourth; and \$475, fifth. The R. J. Reynolds Winston 200 will pay \$2500 for first; \$2000, second; \$1500, third; \$1200, fourth; and \$1000, fifth. Any car starting this feature will receive at least \$250. Besides this, Budweiser and Williams Distributing will post thousands of additional money in cash awards.

The Riverside Pro Stocks and Street Stocks are also a key part of the Riverside summer line-up. The Pros will run regular events of 25 laps, paying \$600 for first; \$400, second; \$300, third; \$220, fourth; and \$195, fifth. The Pros also share in the Bonus Program with thousands of dollars in cash bonus awards.

Riverside's Street Stock division will also run for a new purse that offers for 20 laps, \$225, first; \$175, second; \$145, third; \$130, fourth; and \$110, fifth. Any car starting the Street feature will receive at least \$30.

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## Reggie Ruggiero Again Looks Like Riverside Favorite

Reggie Ruggiero, the 1984 Riverside Nascar Winston Racing Series champion, is back behind the wheel of the most famous black Modified in the New England marketplace, Mario Fiori's SHADOW.

After last season's association with a major sponsor, the most noted New England race team changes back to its traditional black paint and prepares for its best season ever.

Reggie, "The Quiet One," already has two feature event wins to his credit at New Smyrna. Now they are preparing for the first event of 1985 at Riverside on April 6th, the Eagle Snacks 100.

Ruggiero has come a long way since his racing career started at the Plainville Stadium in 1970 (in a car owned and prepared by himself.) In the early years he changed teams several times, driving for such noted owners as Don Moon and Mario Fiore and the original 44 Racing Team. In a very short period of time, Reggie accumulated over 50 career wins. In 1979, Reggie was the Nascar champion at both Monadnock and Riverside Park Speedway.

Still, one of Reggie's most impressive seasons was 1983. That season started just like this year with feature wins in Florida. All the experts agreed then, just as they do now, that the hottest team in New England was the 44 Racing Team.

However, in 1983, the winning just didn't stop in Florida as the Evans Chassis Machine went on to win features at Pocono, Oswego, Shangri-La, Thompson, Riverside, and a title at the Stafford Motor Speedway. During that season, the team never ran out of the top five in every race event they entered.

For 1984, Reggie returned with a major sponsor and won a Nascar championship at Riverside with four features to his credit. As the team prepares for 1985, they will again search for another sponsor. The impressive team will have plenty of power from the Motor Shop and plenty of traction from M & H Tires. If professionalism and talent have anything to do with it, then 1985 will be another banner year for Reggie and the 44 Race Team at Riverside.

Watch for 44 as a leading contender in the season opener at Riverside on April 6th, the Eagle Snacks 100. Admission for all events is family priced at only \$5.95 for adults and \$.95 for children, 8 and under.

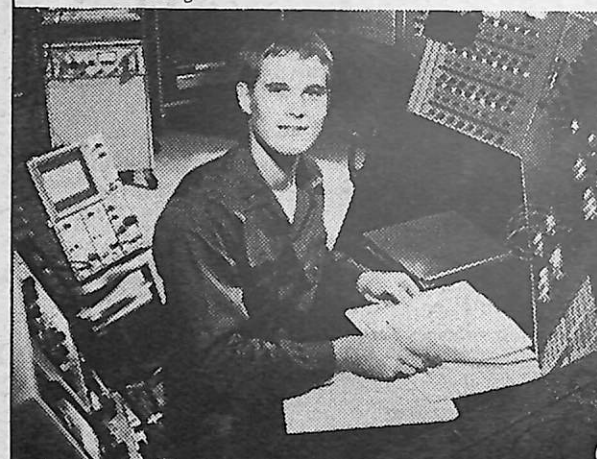


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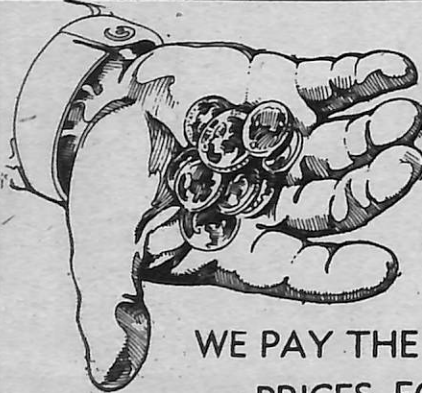
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